

**Manasseh: A Bad King and a Good God!  
KINGMAKER, Pt. 8**

2 Chronicles 33 & 2 Kings 21

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**Proverbs 14:11**, *The HOUSE of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.*

**Proverbs 14:34**, *Righteousness exalts a NATION, but sin condemns any people.*

**2 Chronicles 33:1**, *Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. 2 He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.*

**Matthew 1:10**, *Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah...*

**How Bad Was Manasseh?**

- He Rebuilt the **HIGH PLACES**

**2 Chronicles 33:3**, *He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them.*

- He Put Altars Inside the **TEMPLE**

**2 Chronicles 33:4**, *He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." 5 In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts.*

- He Sacrificed His Own **KIDS**

**2 Chronicles 33:6**, *He sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom...*

- He Sought Guidance From the Wrong **PEOPLE**

**2 Chronicles 33:6**, *... practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.*

- He Led Others to Commit His **SINS**

**2 Chronicles 33:9**, *But Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites.*

**God Shows His Mercy**

**Matthew 1:10**, *Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah...*

1) God Allows Them to Experience the Consequences of **SIN**

**2 Chronicles 33:10**, *The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. 11 So the LORD brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.*

## 2) Manasseh Cried Out to God for FORGIVENESS

2 Chronicles 33:12, *In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors.*

## 3) God Was Moved to Restore MANASSEH

2 Chronicles 33:13, *And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God.*

## 4) Manasseh Proved His Genuine Repentance by His ACTIONS

2 Chronicles 33:14, *Afterward he rebuilt the outer wall of the City of David, west of the Gihon spring in the valley ... he also made it much higher ... 15 He got rid of the foreign gods and removed the image from the temple of the LORD ... and he threw them out of the city. 16 Then he restored the altar of the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings and thank offerings on it, and told Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel.*

### Key Takeaways for You and Me:

- *God Is Always Willing to Forgive and Restore After Genuine Repentance*
- *Genuine Repentance Is Always Followed By Right Action*
- *Turn Back to God No Matter How Far You Have Gone*