

# ii Chronicles 33

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*Manasseh's story teaches us about the depth of God's grace and the possibility of conversion, even for those who have lived in sin.*

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 33:1

**Topics:** "Redemption", "Grace Of God"

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## Description

Chuck Smith preaches on the life of Manasseh, one of Judah's most notorious kings, who turned from his early training and led the nation into sin and idolatry. Despite his boldness in sinning and leading others astray, Manasseh's story takes a transformative turn when he is taken captive to Babylon, where he humbly cries out to God for forgiveness. This moment of repentance reveals the depth of God's grace, as Manasseh acknowledges Jehovah as the true God and experiences profound redemption. Smith emphasizes the contrast between Manasseh's initial pride and power and his eventual humility and faith, illustrating the transformative power of God's grace.

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## Transcript

"MANASSEH"

Intro: One of the most evil of all kings of Judah.

I. MANASSEH IN HIS SIN.

A. Sin against early training.

1. Father Hezekiah prayed for extension of life - God granted 15 years in 3rd year Manasseh born.
2. Those who go wrong after good training are worst men in the world.
3. Many times greatest champions of hell educated in our ranks.

B. A bold sinner.

1. Did not put idol in some inconspicuous place, but right in temple of God.

2. Boldness is sure to win the day.

a. Give me a coward, you give me nothing.

b. Give me a bold man, he will do something - it may be evil; it may be good.

c. If he curses God, it is with a loud voice.

C. He led others to sin - "He seduced Judah to sin."

1. As a king, he had great influence.

2. He stood first in rank of idolaters.

3. When the ungodly went to wage war against God and righteousness, he led the ranks and cheered the others on.

4. He led even his own children in idolatry. "caused his children to pass through the fire: - Amon his son reigned in his stead for 2 years" - vs.22 (children follow in vices of parents, but seldom in repentance..

D. He shed much innocent blood - II Kings 21:26.

1. Sought to destroy those who opposed his -wickedness.

2. Isaiah was said to have been sown asunder by him for rebuking his sin.

II. MANASSEH THE UNBELIEVER.

A. That is an unbeliever in Jehovah God.

1. He believed in many gods.

2. Followed superstitions.

3. Most credulous people in world are unbelievers

. . . it takes a thousand times more faith to be an unbeliever.

4. Someone tells me I am credulous because I believe that God created the heavens and earth and all life forms within.

a. How do you think they got here?

b. I may believe that David killed a giant with a sling and that Jonah was swallowed by a whale - You say "How could a whale swallow a man?" Much easier than I can swallow your theory of creation.

B. Why an unbeliever?

1. Because of his power.

2. Because of his pride - pride is at the root of all sin.

3. His love for sin - he lusted after evil things.

III. MANASSEH THE CONVERT. "O the depth of the riches of grace."

A. Like the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, unbelievable.

B. Carried prisoner to Babylon, cried unto God.

1. He is no longer proud.

2. He is no longer powerful.

3. He is no longer a blasphemer.

C. The basis of his faith "Then he knew that Jehovah was God."

1. God had answered his prayer.

2. God had forgiven his sin.

a. How did he know?

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