

# Like Unto Josiah Was There

by F.B. Meyer

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of regular self-examination and purging of idolatry in our lives, and the role of the Bible in spiritual growth.*

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 23:25, Psalm 51:10, Psalm 119:11, Matthew 5:8, Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, James 1:22, 1 John 1:9

**Topics:** "Spiritual Cleansing", "Devotion to God's Word"

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## Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the transformative reign of King Josiah, who undertook a thorough cleansing of idolatry and sin from the land, leading to a Passover celebration unlike any seen before. He highlights the necessity of self-examination and purging of inconsistencies in our lives to fully enjoy our relationship with God. Meyer encourages believers to regularly revisit the Scriptures, allowing God's truth to illuminate and refine their lives, much like Josiah rediscovered the neglected Book of the Law. The sermon calls for a renewed devotion to God's will as the ultimate standard for living, urging believers to immerse themselves in the Word for spiritual rejuvenation.

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## Transcript

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no king before him. 2 Kings xxiii. 25.

THIS chapter is a marvellous record of cleansing and purging. We are led from one item to another of drastic reform. Nothing was spared that savoured of idolatry. Priests and altars, buildings and groves, came under the searching scrutiny of this true-hearted monarch; and, as the result, it was possible to keep such a Passover as had not been observed during the days of the judges or the kings (ver. 22).

How much our enjoyment of the solemn feast depends upon our previous efforts to put away from our lives all that is inconsistent with the law of God. We hardly realize how insidiously evils creep in. Before we are aware, we have fallen beneath God's ideal, and adopted the customs of our neighbours, or of those with whom we come into daily contact. All such declension hinders our joy in keeping the Passover. It is needful, therefore, that there should be times when we turn to God with fresh devotion, and in the light of his holy truth pass the various departments of our life under review, testing everything by the Book of the Law. In Josiah's case, the sacred volume was recovered from long neglect; in our case it needs to be read in the light of higher resolves. This would be like a new discovery. Our ultimate rule must

always be the will of God, appreciated with growing clearness, and used as a standard by which to judge the habits and tenets of our life. We read the Bible for purposes of a truer knowledge of God and his ways, and for spiritual quickening; but let us also use it more frequently as the bath of the spirit. Let us bathe in it. Let us revel in it as the grimy children of the slums in the laughing wavelets of river and sea.

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