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2 Chronicles 33:1–9 (ESV)

33 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned **fifty-five years** in Jerusalem. ² And **he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD**, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. ³ For he **rebuilt the high places** that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and he **erected altars to the Baals, and made Asheroth**, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. ⁴ **And he built altars in the house of the LORD**, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem shall my name be forever.” ⁵ And he **built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.**

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2 Kings 21:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he made Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 33:1–9 (ESV)

⁶ And he **burned his sons as an offering** in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and **used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers**. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. ⁷ And the carved image of the idol that he had made he set in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever, ⁸ and I will no more remove the foot of Israel from the land that I appointed for your fathers, if only they will be careful to do all that I have commanded them, all the law, the statutes, and the rules given through Moses.” ⁹ **Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.**

2 Chronicles 33:10–11 (ESV)

10 The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention. ¹¹ Therefore the LORD brought upon them the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria, who captured Manasseh with hooks and bound him with chains of bronze and brought him to Babylon.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

Ezekiel 18:21–23 (ESV)

²¹ “But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²² None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live. ²³ **Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?**

2 Chronicles 33:12–17 (ESV)

¹² And when he was in distress, he entreated the favor of the LORD his God and **humbled himself greatly** before the God of his fathers.

¹³ He prayed to him, and **God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea** and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. **Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.**

¹⁴ Afterward he built an outer wall for the city of David west of Gihon, in the valley, and for the entrance into the Fish Gate, and carried it around Ophel, and raised it to a very great height. He also put commanders of the army in all the fortified cities in Judah.

¹⁵ **And he took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw them outside of the city.** ¹⁶ **He also restored the altar of the LORD and offered on it sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and he commanded Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel.**

¹⁷ Nevertheless, the people still sacrificed at the high places, but only to the LORD their God.

James 4:4–10 (ESV)

⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ **Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

2 Timothy 2:19–21 (ESV)

¹⁹ But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”

²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love
with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ

BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN

SAVED

EPHESIANS 2:4-5