

Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Study Title: Hilkiah's Discovery

Devotional Reading: Romans 7:7–12

Background Scripture: 2 Chronicles 33:1–33

INTRODUCTION

1. (640BC). The Holy Temple is in disrepair due to the neglect of Kings Manasseh & Amon.
2. (632 BC). King Josiah begins to purge Judah of idols.
3. (622 BC). Josiah commands the repair of the Temple.
4. During reconstruction, Hilkiah the priest finds the Book of the Law.
- 5. God's curses** for disobedience are revealed.

Background & History

1. The lineage from Hezekiah to Josiah shows us the contrast of benefits and consequences of obedience.
- 2. Josiah's desire to please God at a young age, serves as example of how God can use anyone to fulfill his purpose.**
- 3. God's people have been called to return to Him with sincerity and obedience after years of apostasy.**
4. Repentance is necessary for reformation.

WHO WAS KING JOSIAH

- 1. He was the sixteenth ruler of Judah.
- 2. He ruled for 31 years (2 Kings 22:1).
- 3. He became king at 8 years old (2 Kings 22:1).
- 4. He began seeking God at 16 (2 Chron. 34:3).
- 5. Called the greatest king since David (2 Kings 23:25).
- 6. His birth, name, and ministry were predicted nearly three centuries in advance by a prophet of God in the city of Beth-el (1 Kings 13:1-3).

GOALS FOR TODAY

1. Explain the rediscovery of the Law and its implications. (Covenant).
2. Illustrate why obeying the Bible is important, and the cost for disobedience. (Repentance).
- 3. Adapting the mindset to humbly seek God's** instruction in all things. (Reformation).

Lesson Outline

Introduction

1. Discovering a Book (2 Chronicles 34:15–21)
 - A. Reporting and Reading (vv. 15–18)
 - B. Reacting and Requesting (vv. 19–21)
2. Consulting a Prophet (2 Chronicles 34:22, 26–27)
 - A. Identity and Location (v. 22)
 - B. Response and Reason (vv. 26–27)
3. Conclusion
 - A. Listening to God
 - B. Prayer
 - C. Closing thoughts.

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2 Chronicles 34:14-15 NRSV

¹⁴ While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that had been given through Moses.

15 Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord.” He gave it to Shaphan.

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2 Chronicles 34:16-17 NRSV 

16 Then Shaphan took the book to the king and **reported to him: “Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them.**

17 They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to **the supervisors and workers.”**

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2 Chronicles 34:18-19 NRSV 

18 Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king,
“Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And
Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

19 When the king heard the words of the Law, he
tore his robes.

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2 Chronicles 34:20 NRSV 

20 He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, [a] Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the **king's attendant:**

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2 Chronicles 34:21 NRSV 

21 “Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord’s anger that is poured out on us because those who have gone before us have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book.”

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2 Chronicles 34:22 NRSV 

22 Hilkiah and those the king had sent with him[b] went to speak to the prophet Huldah, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah,[d] keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the New Quarter

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. To disregard Scripture is to disregard the God who gave it to us.
- 2. God's Word exposes sin and convicts' hearts.**
(Hebrews 4:12)
3. Josiah tore his clothes in repentance when the Law was read (v. 19)
4. A team with varying roles all worked together for one cause.

QUESTIONS???

1. How is spiritual and life reflection beneficial for Christians old and new?
2. What personal practices and habits help prevent **God's Word from becoming neglected?**
3. **How does the absence of studying, living in God's Word regularly, affect your life?**

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2 Chronicles 34:23-24 NRSV 

23 She said to them, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me,

24 ‘This is what the Lord says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people—all the curses written in the book that has been read in the presence of the king of Judah.

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2 Chronicles 34:25 NRSV 

25 Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all that their hands have made, my anger will be poured out on this place and **will not be quenched.**

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2 Chronicles 34:26 NRSV 

26 Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord,

'This is what the Lord, the God of Israel
says concerning the words you heard:

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2 Chronicles 34:27 NRSV 

27 Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place, and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the Lord.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. By grace through faith in Jesus, we are saved, **obedience to God's word is necessary to please God.** John 4: 24 (Sprit & Truth).
2. **Titles do not automatically validate "Holiness".**
3. Religion without Relationship yields no positive Results, many are Biblical but nothing like Christ.
4. **A tender, repentant heart attracts God's grace**
(James 4:6)

QUESTIONS???

- What steps will you take to cultivate a tender heart and humble attitude before the Lord?
- What barriers prevent you from adapting these values?
- How much is it worth to your soul to stay connected to Jesus by his word?

BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

NASB | NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE

HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD – Charles Stanley

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

UNDERSTANDING OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY-

Brittney Kim, Charley Trim

WORD FOR THE WEEK

We can only receive God's Word if our spiritual "ears" are prepared to "hear." This reception occurs when we have a heart willing to repent of our sins, submit to God's word, and seek him above all else. Only then can we listen attentively to God's words.

GOD LOVES US

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



The Servant's Suffering

Background Scripture: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Lesson Text Isaiah 53:1–7

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