

The Danger of Losing God's Word

2 Chron. 34:1-33

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Josiah, one of the best kings of Judah, commenced his reign at the age of 8 years. The Bible tells us that when he was 16 years old he started searching for the Lord, and at the age of 20 years king Josiah started a national reform that was triggered by finding the Book of the Law.

When the people gathered by Josiah heard the Word of God, they realised how far from God they were. They humbled themselves before Him and repented of their sins. They destroyed everything that had to do with Baal and Asherah worship, or any other idol worship. They brought sacrifices and worshipped only the true God at the Temple. All this happened after the Book of the Law was rediscovered.

It is very sad when a person or a nation doesn't have the Word of God, but it is even sadder to have had the Word and to have lost it.

1. How can people lose the Word of God today?

a) By ignoring it

The Bible can be on your bedside table or in your bookcase, but still you could be ignoring it. Days, weeks, maybe months can pass without you reading it.

Ronald Reagan said: "The Bible is the only book where we have the answers to all the problems we are facing today, if we only would read it and believe it."

b) The Bible can be lost by substitution with something else

The Lord Jesus told the Pharisees: "you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition." (Mk. 7:9)

The Bible can be substituted with newspapers, books, magazines, TV, or even Christian books.

Amy Carmichael said: "never let other books, even good books, to replace the Bible. Drink water from the spring, not from rivers or ponds."

c) The Bible can be lost by only accepting parts of it that you like, and ignoring the rest

This way all the great heresies commenced: "Any text taken out of context becomes a pretext for any heresy."

d) The Bible can be lost when you don't obey it

When someone has the light and doesn't use it, it's as if they didn't have it.

2. What remains when you lose the Bible?

There are many people who, willingly or unwillingly, are far from the Word of God. But even if someone is far from the Bible and has never heard the Holy Word, there are some fundamental truths that remain:

a) God remains

It's not the Bible that creates God. The Bible only reveals God to us, tells us about Him.

b) Sin remains

The Bible tells us about sin. The Bible is the mirror where you can see your soul, where you can see your dirt and sin. If you are dirty but do not look in the mirror, it doesn't mean you are not dirty or that the dirt goes away.

c) Life after death remains. Eternal punishment in hell, for those who did not believe the Gospel, remains.

If you lose the Bible, you lose the light through which you can see God and His love, you lose the possibility to receive the salvation that God gives as a gift and that can be received through faith.

There are so many people around us who are in darkness regarding the knowledge of God and His Word. It is our responsibility to do all we can to give them the Bible, to make the Word of God known to them.