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“Finding Treasure”

“ (Jesus) said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ” (Hebrews 10:7)

Finding the Book

2 Chronicles 34:1-3, 8, 14-16 - (1) “Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. (2) And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. (3) For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father, and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images. (8) Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. (14) While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiyah the priest **found the Book of the Law of the LORD given through Moses.** (15) Then Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the secretary, **‘I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD.’** And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan. (16) Shaphan brought the book to the king, and further reported to the king, ‘All that was committed to your servants they are doing.’”

Learning the Book

2 Chronicles 34:18-21, 26-28 – (18) “Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, **‘Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book.’** And Shaphan read from it before the king. (19) And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes. (20) And the king commanded... saying, (21) **‘Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found.** For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in **this book.**’ (26) **‘...to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, (27) because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD. (28) Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants.’** And they brought back word to the king.”

Gathering around the Book

2 Chronicles 34:29-31 – (29) “Then the king sent and *gathered together* all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. (30) And the king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. (31) And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.”

Key Point: Read the Bible for Survival & Revival

Response:

Am I seeking Godly wisdom from God’s Book?

“My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;” (Proverbs 2:1-6)

Do I have a high view of God’s Word?

“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.” (Jeremiah 15:16)

“...I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.” (Job 23:12)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)