

Lessons in Defeating Sin from Josiah

- A. Josiah was only 8 years old when he began to reign in Jerusalem. He was one of the few good kings of Judah, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD (*2 Kings 22:1-2*).
- B. When he was 26, he told his servants to use money that had been collected from the people to repair the temple (*2 Kings 22:3-7*).
- C. While making the repairs, Hilkiah the high priest found the Book of the Law which had been given by God through Moses to the children of Israel (*2 Kings 22:8-10*); the Book had apparently been lost or hidden; perhaps during the long reign of wicked King Manasseh--Josiah's grandfather, who reigned for 55 years in Jerusalem (*2 Kings 21:1-18*).
- D. When Josiah heard the words of the Book of the Law read, he was devastated and ashamed that God's people had not been obeying God's will (*2 Kings 22:11-13*).
- E. In *2 Kings 23*, Josiah zealously worked to purify the nation of Judah and initiate a spiritual revival.
 - 1. We can still learn a great deal about purity and revival in our own lives by studying his example.
 - 2. If you're **serious** about defeating sin (*2 Kings 23:1-3*), then just like Josiah...

LESSONS IN DEFEATING SIN FROM JOSIAH:

- 1. Get rid of the physical _____ (23:4).
- 2. Separate yourself from the _____ who shamelessly promote sin (23:5).
- 3. Assess and address your _____ in the places where temptation flourishes (23:7-10).
- 4. Put the passing _____ and _____ of sin into perspective (*2 Kings 23:11*).
- 5. Leave the _____ of impurity behind forever (*2 Kings 23:12*).
- 6. Fill the vacuum left by sin with godly _____ and _____ (*2 Kings 23:21-23*).