

Imperative from 2 Chronicles 7:14	2 Chronicles	King that Led in a National Revival
"humble themselves"	34-35	Josiah
"pray"	17-20	Jehoshaphat
"seek My face"	14-16	Asa
"turn from their wicked ways"	29-32	Hezekiah

### Hezekiah, the King:

- Began to reign as king at the age of \_\_\_\_\_
- Reigned as king of Judah for \_\_\_\_\_ years (715 to 686 BC)
- Son of the wicked King Ahaz  
"Unlike David his father, he did not do what was right in the eyes of the Lord his God. He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel and even sacrificed his son in the fire, following the detestable ways of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites. He sacrificed and burned incense at the high places, on the hilltops, and under every spreading tree. And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree." (2 Kings 16: 2-4)
- The prophets Isaiah and Micah ministered in Judah while Hezekiah was king
- He is described for being more zealous for the Lord than any of his predecessors (2 Kings 18:5)
- One of the few kings of Judah who was constantly aware of God's acts in the past and His involvement in the events of every day
- Had a close relationship with God and did "what was good and right before the LORD his God" (2 Chron. 31:20)
- Because of his bold actions of obedience, God prospered Hezekiah. Hezekiah "held fast to the LORD and did not stop following Him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses. And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook." (2 Kings 18:6-7)
- Also mentioned in Isaiah 36: 1-39:8; Proverbs 25:1; Jeremiah 15:4; 26: 18-19; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1

The Major Need in Hezekiah's Day: Consecration of the T\_\_\_\_\_

Consecration: "the separation of your life from things that are unclean and unholy to the Lord; a separation from anything that contaminates and pollutes your relationship with the Lord."

Tonight, we see what r\_\_\_\_\_ looks like in the actions of King Hezekiah. These same steps of repentance are required in our lives, our homes, and our church if we truly want to experience revival.

## I. The CAUSES of Defilement (vv.6-8)

- The Lord gives a laundry list of things going on for years among His people that caused the temple and land of Israel to become a spiritual wasteland
  - Unfaithfulness
  - Forsaking the Lord
  - Turning back on the Lord
  - Abandoning regular worship of the Lord
  - Turning face away from the Lord
  - Negligence
- Defilement among God's people didn't take place overnight; it was a year after year turning away from the Lord that led them to the terrible situation Hezekiah now had to address.

*It's a slow fade  
When you give yourself away  
It's a slow fade  
When black and white have turned to grey  
And thoughts invade, choices made  
A price will be paid  
When you give yourself away  
People never crumble in a day  
It's a slow fade  
It's a slow fade*

"Slow Fade" by Casting Crowns

### Our Temple Today . . .

- God no longer dwells in a structure like the temple nor is He confined and isolated into a tabernacle the way He once chose to meet with His people in the Old Testament
- God is not restricted to just meeting with us here in the sanctuary
- God's Spirit now dwells within the heart of every saved, born again, follower of Jesus Christ..The power and presence of God dwells within the temple of our bodies God has given to us

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

## II. The CONSEQUENCES of Defilement (vv.8-9)

- The longer the season of rebellion, the longer the broken fellowship with the Lord, loss of closeness and intimacy
- We lose much during times of defilement:
  1. We lose the sense of d\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives
  2. We lose the k\_\_\_\_\_ of His will for our lives
  3. We are robbed of the j\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation
  4. We lose sensitivity to the Holy Spirit working in our lives

### III. The CURE for Defilement (vv.10-30)

a. **R** \_\_\_\_\_ : everything in the temple exposed and disposed of (vv.16-17)

- What “junk” has been lying dormant in my temple?

\*1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

- How do we remove the defilement?

1. Acknowledge and agree with your sin before God

2. Confess your sin for what it is before God

3. Take action to turn away from sin in your life

- Confession without action is nothing more than an  
A \_\_\_\_\_

b. **REQUIREMENT** of atonement and s \_\_\_\_\_ for sin(vv.20-24)

- Because of Jesus’ sacrificial death and blood shed on the cross in our place, He has made the once and for all sacrifice for man’s sin...Through faith in Jesus, we can be reconciled and enjoy fellowship with God today!

“There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins, and sinners plunged beneath that blood lose all their guilty stains.”

“But now He(Jesus) has appeared once and for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Just as man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people.”

Hebrews 9:26

c. **R** \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord (vv.29-31)

- Praise and thanksgiving from God’s people only acceptable after hearts purified, temple cleansed, and sacrifice for sin made

“Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us. He has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days, he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.” Hosea 6:1

\*Acts 3: 19

d. **R** \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord (vv.35b-36)

- Time of refreshment in our lives only come when removal of sin and returning to the Lord are consistently taking place.

\*Hosea 6:1-3

IV. **The CHOICE....VERSES 24-26...**“Then Hezekiah repented of the pride of his heart. “