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Scripture - 2 Kings 21: 1-15. 2 Chron 33: 11-13

Text: Jeremiah 15: 4.

Sub: - Here Manasseh is charged with a terrible crime; the ruin of the kingdom Judah. His sin had become ripe and here was the fruit. What bitter fruit it was to Manasseh in his old age, to see his beloved Jerusalem destroyed because of the sin of his youth. The influence of his life not a blessing but a curse.

Life story of Manasseh.

He was son of Hezekiah, who was a good man and a good king, a man of prayer, who when Assyrian hosts threatened to destroy his kingdom <sup>went</sup> to God for help and found it.

Great blessing to have such a father as Manasseh had.

Repeatedly warned God did not leave him



unwarned in his sin. He  
sent <sup>his</sup> prophet to warn him,  
but he heeded not. The  
more he was warned the  
deeper he went into sin.

God always treats sinners  
thus. He warns, rebukes  
and entreats. How:

1. thru conscience
2. The wretchedness and  
restlessness and hunger  
of your heart.
2. Through your longing  
for usefulness.
3. thru your sorrow, pain  
and loss.
4. thru his mercies

He sinned not alone.

1. Carried his kingdom  
with him.
2. No man sines alone

Two young men one who  
was a sceptic; found his  
boyhood chum dying in  
room next to him!



Sin laugh up with him.

1. Took his crown
2. Took his kingdom
3. Took him into chains and carried him ~~to a far country~~ <sup>captivity</sup> to a far country.

manasseh was a man who had laughed at prophet but now he knew sin paid and that the wage was slavery - death to all he had held dear. He repented. God forgave him, and brought him again to his throne. But did he lead his people back? no. His son son who succeeded him was an idolater.

Yes you may repent. God will forgive you if you do! But the consequences of your sin. your sin may wreck another life, young father who carried his baby to see eye specialist.

Ezekiel -

David -

now -