



# I Myself Have Heard You

II Kings 22:18-20

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**2 Kings 17:17**



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He made his son pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did a great amount of evil in the Lord's sight, provoking Him.

**2 Kings 21:6**



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But they did not listen; Manasseh caused them to stray so that they did greater evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites. **2 Kings 21:9**



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Manasseh also shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem with it from one end to another. This was in addition to his sin that he caused Judah to commit. Consequently, they did what was evil in the Lord 's sight.

**2 Kings 21:16**

## II. King Josiah leads the people into repentance.



*Unwavering faith* - **2 Kings 22:2**

He did what was right in the Lord 's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David; he did not turn to the right or the left.

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***Trusting and trustworthy - 2 Kings 22:7***

But no accounting is to be required from them for the money put into their hands since they work with integrity.

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***Grieves the nation's sins- 2 Kings 22:11-13***

When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.<sup>12</sup> Then he commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the court secretary, and the king's servant Asaiah:



<sup>13</sup> “Go and inquire of the Lord for me, the people, and all Judah about the instruction in this book that has been found. For great is the Lord’s wrath that is kindled against us because our ancestors have not obeyed the words of this book in order to do everything written about us.”



## 2 Kings 22: 15-20

<sup>15</sup> She said to them, “This is what the Lord God of Israel says, ‘Say to the man who sent you to Me:

<sup>16</sup> This is what the Lord says: I am about to bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants, fulfilling all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read, <sup>17</sup> because they have abandoned Me and burned incense to other gods in order to provoke Me with all the work of their hands. My wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.



Say this to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord : This is what the Lord God of Israel says: As for the words that you heard, <sup>19</sup> because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the Lord y when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I Myself have heard you—this is the Lord 's declaration—



<sup>20</sup> therefore, I will indeed gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster that I am bringing on this place.”  
Then they reported to the king.

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### *Returns nation to God* -2 Kings 23:2-3

Then the king went to the Lord's temple with all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, as well as the priests and the prophets—all the people from the youngest to the oldest. As they listened, he read all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the Lord's temple.



3 Next, the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant in the presence of the Lord to follow the Lord and to keep His commands, His decrees, and His statutes with all his mind and with all his heart, and to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book; all the people agreed to the covenant.



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### *Mercy and Judgment* - **2 Kings 23:25-26**

Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his mind and with all his heart and with all his strength according to all the law of Moses, and no one like him arose after him.



<sup>26</sup> In spite of all that, the Lord did not turn from the fury of His great burning anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had provoked Him with.



# Concluding thoughts

1. You are never too young to do something great for God.
2. The right response to sin is to turn away from it as quickly as possible.
3. God responds to unwavering faith.
4. God also responds to continuous rebellion.