

# FIRE OF GOD

## II Chronicles 34:1-33

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles, carved idols and cast images. Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles, the idols and the images. These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem. **II Chronicles 34:1-5**

Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. "Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD." **II Chronicles 34:18-19, 21**

Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the LORD, the God of their fathers.

**II Chronicles 34:33**

## 1. EVERY DAY: Seek the Lord in PRAYER.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. **Jeremiah 29:13**

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6**

Who do you say I am? **Matthew 16:15**

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow to attain to the resurrection from the dead. **Philippians 3:10-11**

## 2. EVERY DAY: Read the SCRIPTURES.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. [Encouragement, Wisdom, Joy, Perspective] **Psalms 19:7-8**

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

**John 5:39-40**

## 3. EVERY DAY: Plan for immediate OBEDIENCE.

The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord – to follow the Lord and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book.

**II Chronicles 34:31**

If you love me, you will obey what I command. **John 14:15**

**EVERY DAY: Seek, read and obey. Passion for God follows.**

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