

2 Chronicles 33:10

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If you watch TV, the News, the Internet, Social Media or even look around where you live and work at or go to school, all you can think to say is “*Come quickly Lord Jesus*” because this world has gotten so corrupt.

Just look at the schools, when I was a kid, the worse things that kids did were to run in the hallways, chew gum in class, and pass notes to their friends. Now a days, schools are full of vulgarity, drugs, alcohol, verbal abuse and social media abuse, rape, bullying to the extent that some kids actually commit suicide. And that’s just our schools... including elementary schools. Yet how much worse has it gotten outside of school.

Same sex marriage and homosexuality are no longer looked down on, but those who speak against these things are looked down upon. Kids having sex and having babies, while they are still little kids and babies themselves. Parents are looked down upon and the kids think they know it all and how this country should be ran, and that us as parent or adults have messed things up, which we have, because we allow these things and so much more to run rampant in our towns, schools, streets, and country.

Even we as Christians wonder, “*Is there any hope?*” and with that thinking we answer our own question with, “*No there isn’t*” and that’s why we say, “*Come quickly Lord Jesus*”.

But here’s a thought, if Jesus is LORD/GOD why do we think He can not fix things here? Why have we thrown in the towel instead of standing up and fighting for our home town, our kids, our friends and family and our country? Honestly, because we think it’s just too bad for God to handle. But I beg to differ. Looking at today’s verse, which says “***And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.***” You may wonder what this is referring to. Well let’s go back a few verses and see.

† **2 Chronicles 33:1-2** *Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.*

Manasseh was one of those kings who started out bad and rejected the Lord and followed after the false gods and idols of the land, and the people followed right along with him; Therefore, “***the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.***”

So Manasseh and the people rejected the Lord, so they got what they asked for and had to pay the price for it.

† **2 Chronicles 33:11** *Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.*

So, you want to worship those pagan nations and be just like them worshipping false gods and idols, you got it Manasseh and Jerusalem. That was pretty much what was happening, and the way things are going here in the USA, it could very well happen here as well.

But that's not the end of the story, because God allowed this to happen to Manasseh, it changed his heart.

† **2 Chronicles 33:12-13** *Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.*

I love that last sentence, "***Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.***" It's like the old saying, "*Sometimes things have to get worse before they can get better*" and that may very well be the case in the USA.

But let's get a little closer to home. Some are experiencing some bad things in their home, their jobs, at school, with their kids, or friends, and even in the church, and the reason sometimes is because, you know about God and Jesus, but you actually treat Him like He is one of your false gods that you think that you can order around or that you only call upon when you are in need, and run after everything having to do with the world and reject the things of God so that you can chase the things of this world.

Do you really want those false gods that you have been playing around with or chasing after? Be careful of your answer, because the Lord may allow you to have those things, and once you do, you will realize how bad they are, and then, and maybe only then, you will truly come to realize that "***that the LORD is God***".

† **Malachi 3:7a (NLT2)** *Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*