

Can Man Live Without God?

Lost and Found

2 Kings 22

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Introduction:

- Have you ever had something important turn up missing?
 - What is the most important thing you have ever lost in your life?
 - Two accounts of things lost, but then found:
 - Henri Matisse Painting
 - Codex Sinaiticus
 - For the next three weeks we will examine – Can Man Live Without God?
 - Many in our society would have us believe that the answer is YES!
 - If there is no God, then there are no moral absolutes. If there are no moral absolutes, then we can live any way we want.
 - There are no true atheists. Everyone believes in something.
 - Anti-theist – They don't want anyone to believe in or advocate the true God of the Bible. If you do, you will become a target for them to mock.
 - God's Word was lost through neglect:
 - Josiah became King at eight.
 - Makes his first real decision at twenty-six.
 - Josiah has the Word read to him and when he hears it, he was overcome with distress.
 - He now knew that the people of Judah had broken their covenant with God.
 - Three things happen when God's Word is not in our lives:
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1. Without God's Word – We Have No Guidelines for Life:

- a. Without the Word of God, how do we know ... Right or Wrong ... Good or Bad ... Holy or Evil?
- b. When the Book of the Law was read to Josiah, he was devastated.
- c. In life:
 1. How will you know what the right answer is?
 2. How will you know what to do?
- d. **Psalm 119:104-105**

2. Without God's Word – We Are Lost in a Sea of Subjectivity:

- a. Without the Bible, there are no "Absolute Truths" in this world.

- b. Absolute Truth - A truth that applies to all people, no matter where you live, no matter the background you come from or what timeframe you live in. An absolute truth is always an absolute truth, no matter what. It does not change.
- c. Without absolute truth, people will create their own and then live by it.
 - 1. Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution
 - 2. Adolf Hitler embraced Evolution and added Superior Race and Master Race.
 - 3. Adolf Hitler ... *"I have freed Germany from the stupid and degrading fallacies of conscience and morality. We will train young people before whom the world will tremble. I want young people capable of violence, imperious, relentless, and cruel."*

3. Without God's Word – There is No Meaning to Life:

- a. God loves the Sanctity and the Beauty of life – It was His Creation.
- b. He created us in His Image:
 - 1. **Genesis 1:26**
 - 2. **Genesis 2:7**
- c. Hebrew – **Ruah** ... English – Breath
- d. Greek – **Pneuma** ... English – Spirit
- e. When we consider the Word of God:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- f. Without the Word of God, life has no meaning.
- g. In the days of Josiah's father and grandfather, children were being offered as a sacrifice to the false god Molech.
 - 1. We see this in the Evolutionary Process, as well.
 - 2. We see it in our national debate.
 - 3. This was the thinking of Hitler, influenced by Nietzsche, influenced by Darwin.
 - 4. That style of thinking brings hopelessness.
- h. **John 8:31-32**
- i. B.I.B.L.E. –
- j. **John 10:10**

4. God's Word was found through Renewal:

- a. **2nd Kings 22:8-9**
- b. A nation of people that once honored God and did all they could to carry out His decrees had slowly slipped into idolatry, forming their own truth and morality and burying God's Word as far away from themselves as they possibly could.
- c. **Romans 12:1-2**