

## Doing God's Will Towards The Tragedy of Today's Church Part 3

The immoralities, the idol worship, and the sins of the homosexuality that King Solomon and the kings after him introduced into God's church as we spoke in the previous messages of this series, had continued till the time of King Josiah. Although there were other kings in between who partially tried to remove such sins, like King Asa, King Jehoshaphat, and King Hezekiah, King Josiah was determined to deal with these shameful sins that was introduced by his forefathers. King Josiah began to purge Judah and Israel from all the idols starting from the temple of God, the high places in Judah, and the high places of idol worship in Samaria.

In between Solomon and Josiah as we mentioned, there were Godly kings who worked for revival, but they were not radical as Josiah did to purge the temple and the people of God from idol worship: **"3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year (when Josiah's age was 20 years old) he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about."** (2 Chronicles 34:3-6 KJV) King Josiah cleansed all these cities that were taken and ruled by Jeroboam king of Israel who introduced the worship of the two golden calves, as we can read, **"25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense."** (1 Kings 12:25-33 KJV)

King Josiah, directed the people with him all his days to serve the Lord after he took all the idol worship from the land of Judah and Israel: **"33 Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers."** (2 Chronicles 34:33 KJV) When King Josiah's heart was set to do all these things, the Lord brought to him the book of the law so that he will be more enlightened to do precisely what God wants him to do to cleanse the temple and God's

people as ordained. Therefore, it does not depend on God only, but it also depends on you, if you are willing to stand for God, and are willing to let people even hate you, for the sake of pleasing God.

Josiah's heart was so responsive toward the details of the Word of God that when he heard, he repented and acted appropriately as we can read: **"15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. 17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. 18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. 19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, 21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book. 22 And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect. 23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. 26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard; 27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD. 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again."** (2 Chronicles 34:15-28 KJV)

**"4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.** (King Josiah ordered his workers to remove all the idols outside the temple of God and in the next verse we can see that he put down the priests who were promoting the worship of these idols. So even today, we need to remove these idols that we mentioned and listed in the previous messages. Also we need to deal with the unlawful marriages in the light of the Word of God.) **5 And he put down the idolatrous priests,** (King Josiah put down all the idolatrous priests who were appointed by the previous kings and were promoting idols worship. We need to deal appropriately with those ministers, pastors and workers who are practicing and promoting such

idols inside the body of Christ and make them sit down.) *whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun,* (this is the same of the sun god of the heathen that the Catholic church had Christianized as Christmas) *and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD,* (Josiah removed, “the grove”, which were beautiful gardens around the altars of the high places to beautify the places to attract the people to come not for God but to enjoy the atmosphere. *In same way we need to remove anything apart from the Word of God that would attract the attention of people and appeal to their sensual mind to attend worship in God’s churches like food, loud music, light effects, dress, money, business, etc.) without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. 7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD where the women wove hangings for the grove.* (\* He removed the homosexuals and the transgenders from inside the temple of God. Notice that before he removed them, he removed the rest of the idols. \* Today if you want to stand against the issues of the homosexual and the transgender marriages, then before you can do that, you need to remove all kinds of immoralities in the form of dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend, masturbation, pornography, fornication, divorce and remarriage, live-in relationships, a single parent marries not the father or the mother of her or his child or children. and all the idols that were previously mentioned; birthdays, Christmas, New Year, Valentine, Halloween, Father Day, Mother Day, etc. \* Some say that Jesus did not condemn the homosexual. That is not correct. Jesus condemned homosexuality as He approved the judgment of God on Sodom and Gomorrah, “28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” (Luke 17:28-30 KJV)) 8 *And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places* (The high places are the places that the people go to do their own will. They go to these places to worship and offer sacrifices, where in these places the priests will go along the wishes of men and do to them what they want and approve what they ask and wish,) *where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down* (Whatever Josiah and his men broke down, they broke down that which is of idolatrous origin. *Even today, looking intently in the life of the church, there are lots of things that need to be broken down and removed from the life of the church and from the life of God’s people,) the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man’s left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. 10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.* (He removed and banned the things that will contribute to kill the life of the young people. *In the same way today we need to ban all the digital and electronic resources that had connection with the media from the hands and the eyes of our children and youths to protect their minds and their lives from destruction.) 11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.* (The Christmas that the Christian churches observe today on December was the celebration of pagans, with their bowing down toward the sun god. In Christmas celebrations today there are also flying reindeer sleds with

Santa Claus that are parallel to the chariots of sun with fire that Josiah removed from the temple. Look now, reader, to the Word of God that gives freedom and see how much idols that you need to remove from the churches of God and God’s people.) 12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. 13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. (Josiah did not care that all these idols were linked to his forefathers. He utterly removed them all, for he was truly faithful to God only. In the same way, we are called to remove from God’s churches and the people of God all the institutions of idols worship even those that were introduced by well known church or Christian leaders of old.) 14 *And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men. 15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.”* (2 Kings 23:4-15 KJV) King Josiah truly removed all the idols that King Solomon and the other kings of Judah and the kings of Israel had introduced in the temple of God and in Israel and had removed Baal worship and homosexuality with the transgenders from the land.

\* King Josiah was moved by the anointing of the Holy Spirit to totally eradicate all the idols worship and the abominations that God hated and cleansed the land from them. \* The instruments and the facilities that helped King Josiah to lead such a kind of marvelous revival and deliverance from sins, idols, and the clutches of Satan are simple:-

1. *His willingness to follow God and obey Him.*
2. *His full reliance on the Book of the Law, the Word of God, which they found in the temple of God.* Josiah was responsive to the Word of God. He understood in depth what God wanted him to do through God’s Word. *In the same way, be responsive to the Word of God and start to cleanse yourself and the Church of God from all idols and the corrupted non Biblical practices.* Josiah used his position to remove a vast number of idols and their corrupted traditions and sinful setups and practices in the life of the people of God and from the Temple of God. *In the same way use your position, and do all that you can today to stand with God and cleanse His church from all these wrong setups.*

The period between King Solomon who introduced the idol worship to King Josiah who totally removed them is 358 years. God did not move before that, because there was no one willing to obey God and His Word. *Even today God will not move unless we do our part. God had done His part by giving His Word to the people, and by declaring His judgment to those who disobey.* Therefore if the people today are not willing, the Lord will not do things anymore on people’s behalf. They need to interact with God’s Word for their deliverance. We should interact with God’s Word for our deliverance.

In the New Testament Church, history tells us that by the fourth century, false teachers were introduced into the church. By the sixth century, the idols that we know today of the Catholic church and their wrong doctrinal setup was introduced, and step by step developed till the full

picture of the Catholic church with false practices and idols was completed. That setup continued and did not change until the fifteenth century. But with the development of the Protestant movement and with the reliance on the Word of God and their willingness to follow God, many souls were saved. The deliverance through the Protestant movement continued through stages till the development of the Pentecostal movement in the late part of the nineteenth and the early part of the twentieth century. The revival that was led by King Josiah and the Protestant movement down to the Pentecostal movement, have used the same simple method, which is, going back to the Bible and willing to obey God. They studied the Scriptures and removed from the life of the people of God all what was not compatible with the Scriptures.

After the Pentecostal movement had reached its zenith, the church went back again to the wrong way of life where unlawful marriages, immoralities, and idols were reintroduced. \* The church today is in tragedy; it is full of idols and sinful practices with roots that did not come from the Scriptures. But it comes from the world and from the gods of this world. \* Therefore, it is fit for those who lead such churches and occupy positions of leadership to hear what Elijah said to rebuke Ahaziah who sent to inquire healing from Baalzebub, ***“Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?” (2 Kings 1:3 KJV)*** Why then? There is no more of God’s Word, God’s promises, and God’s ways in the Bible for the body of Christ today to delight and rejoice with such practices such as dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend, immoralities, unlawful marriages, divorce with remarriage, celebrations of idols inside God’s churches as birthdays, Halloween, All Saints Day, New Year, Christmas, Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Valentine, Father and Mother Day, etc.

***My dear and beloved:*** \* Even today the element of revival, the Word of God, is available in your hand. Start to apply the Word of God and remove and reject all the practices that you cannot see in the Bible, even if these practices are introduced and practiced by famous people of faith; still they needed to be rejected as long as they do not go along the Word of God. \* Fear God and use your position in whatever office or place or a church that God had placed you in to initiate that awakening and cleansing from all the ongoing corruption, immoralities and the abominations that had penetrated God’s churches.

\* Put in your mind that you cannot face the serious issue of homosexuality and transgender marriages and take them out of God’s churches without putting the unlawful marriages, the immoralities, and the rest of these idols outside first. \* In each and every culture and nation there are certain idols the church had adopted. These all needed to be agreed upon and removed out from our churches so we can stand the threat against the invasion of homosexuality and transgender marriages. \* We need to implement measures to keep order and restore things in the way that God wants it to be, to bring the people of God into true repentance, into the true way of life, and to bring back the salvation of God once again in our midst.

It is chaos what we had read in God’s Word and what is the effect of sin in the life of the people. Sure as you are reading the passages you do not want to be in such a ditch of sin and suffering, and such deviation and perversion from God’s ways of life. You might be disgusted to go through that all. In reality, there are many real stories even worse than what we had read. Therefore if we just ignore these issues in the life of people, even in the life of the people of God, and God’s church, then we are not doing well in God’s service and ministry.

In cases of wounds that people suffer, we cannot close dirty wounds without cleaning them. We cannot close wounds without repairing the underlying damages in bones, muscles, tendons, and nerves. We need to go to the basics of God’s Word, so we can discover from them from which point the church departed, and from which point we should go back.

Today, to bring revival we need to understand what God’s Word mandates on us from assignments that God had laid on us to work on in our lives, in the lives of our families, and in the lives of God’s people and the churches of God. We should not keep silent in front of sin. We are called to step out with a Godly message and confront those who are in sin from the people of God.

Seriously consider the message and start to clean God’s Church and the congregation under your care from the following:

1. Unlawful marriages and unlawful copulations.
2. Prostitution and the rest of the forms of sexual immorality.
3. Idols and the food sacrificed for idols.
4. The digital and electronic gadgets that had connection with the media from the hands and the eyes of the children and youths to protect their minds and their lives from destruction.

These measures will help much the Church of God and the rest of the Churches of Christ to deal with the coming threat of homosexual and transgender marriages. The church today is in a critical and great responsibility to face the reality of sin in the offices of marriage and family. God had given us His Word and had shown us clearly the foundation that we need to use as a standard to lay down in our lives and living, and how to disciple people and lead them back to the foundation of God in marriage and family. The world is in turmoil and needs the church today to proclaim the truth to them, and the way out of all these sins and abominations.

The written Word of God that is in the Bible is to remind us and to tell us the truth and how to live away from sins and away from violating God’s Word and commands. The Word of God would warn us what are the effects of sin, how sin will bring more wickedness, and how sin will bring God’s wrath on the people.

The laws of God are not hard or a burden, but they are there to make life easy and to bring us into holiness and to have true love toward God, ***“3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” (1 John 5:3 KJV)*** \* Obedience to God’s commands is how we express our love toward God. Taking the pattern of the Scripture for life and Godliness is the way we express our fear of God and our true love toward Him. \* And here we are today, in all what we are seeing from the chaos around us, is a source of great danger to us, to our families, our disciples, our descendants, and the churches of God. Therefore the more now, and for our safety, we need to go back to the pattern of the Scriptures so that we will be safe and saved. Therefore, let us go back to the Word of God, and let us go back to the point that we drifted from, that we might find mercy from God and get restored to the original plan that God had ordained for us. Let us pray . . . .

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord*



*thank you for the teaching I received in this message and the motivation that I received to move forward to deal with the sins of prostitution, sexual immoralities, unlawful marriages, idols, food offered to idols and the issue of the homosexual and transgender marriages that entered the church. Lord thank you for all the rebukes, corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.*

*Repent and renounce of all your sins. Repent of your compromises, condoning, cover up and tolerating immoralities, in the life of your family, and the church and the ministry under your care in the form of dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend, masturbation, pornography, fornication, divorce and remarriage, live-in relationships, a single parent marries not the father or the mother of her or his child or children. Repent and renounce your idols worship observing birthdays, Christmas, New Year, Valentine, Halloween, Father Day, Mother Day, etc. Repent and renounce your lust, and immoralities. Repent and renounce your fear of men and your acceptance to church practices that contradict the Word of God. Renounce your acceptance to the homosexual and transgender life and marriages. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I commit myself to the revival that is needed to cleanse your churches and your people from prostitutions, idols worship, food offered to idols, unlawful marriages and copulations, and the issue of homosexual and transgender marriages. Lord I commit myself to face all such kinds of sins and all the wrong church practices that contradict the Scriptures. Lord I commit myself to move away and separate myself from all those who do such sins and practices and are not willing to repent and amend their ways.*

*Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and had committed themselves to involve in the revival to cleanse your churches and your people from all such sins and the idols that we tackle in this message. Lord provide for them and protect them from the evil one. Lord uphold them with your grace and use their lives as good example to others to follow you.*

*Lord we commit ourselves as a church to continue in the revival movement that you started to cleanse your churches from the prostitutions, unlawful marriages, idols worship, food offered to idols and the issue of the homosexual and the transgender marriages that had entered your churches. Lord protect us and preserve all the workers, families and the members of the churches who are willing to follow your Word against all such sins and the churches practices that contradict the Scriptures. Lord protect our youths and children and preserve them until they are grown up and mature to have their Godly families. We come against all the works of Satan and its demons and we bind the spirits of prostitution, lust, immoralities idols worship, and homosexuality and transgender and we cast them out in the name of Jesus. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us boldness to deal with all such sins, and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make disciples and train workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the congregations, the families and the members of the church in various places and let it bear fruit that you desire to see in the life of your church and your people. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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