



Part 4

**God Doesn't Want
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But Everyone to Repent**

2 Peter 3:9b

**God does not want anyone to be
destroyed, but wants everyone
to repent.**

1 Timothy 2:3-4

This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

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2 Chronicles 33:1

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years.

2 Chronicles 33:2

He did what was evil in the Lord's sight, following the detestable practices of the pagan nations that the Lord had driven from the land ahead of the Israelites.

2 Chronicles 33:3a

He rebuilt the pagan shrines his father, Hezekiah, had broken down. He constructed altars for the images of Baal and set up Asherah poles.

2 Chronicles 33:3b

He also bowed before all the powers of the heavens and worshiped them.

2 Chronicles 33:4

He built pagan altars in the Temple of the Lord, the place where the Lord had said, “My name will remain in Jerusalem forever.”

2 Chronicles 33:5

He built these altars for all the powers of the heavens in both courtyards of the Lord's Temple.

2 Chronicles 33:6a

Manasseh also sacrificed his own sons in the fire in the valley of Ben-Hinnom.

He practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and he consulted with mediums and psychics.

2 Chronicles 33:6b

He did much that was evil in the Lord's sight, arousing his anger.

2 Chronicles 33:7a

Manasseh even took a carved idol he had made and set it up in God's Temple, the very place where God had told David and his son Solomon:

2 Chronicles 33:7b

**“My name will be honored forever
in this Temple and in Jerusalem—
the city I have chosen from among
all the tribes of Israel.**

2 Chronicles 33:8

If the Israelites will be careful to obey my commands—all the laws, decrees, and regulations given through Moses—I will not send them into exile from this land that I set aside for your ancestors.”

2 Chronicles 33:9

But Manasseh led the people of Judah and Jerusalem to do even more evil than the pagan nations that the Lord had destroyed when the people of Israel entered the land.

2 Chronicles 33:10

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2 Chronicles 33:11

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2 Chronicles 33:12

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2 Chronicles 33:13

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The fullness of God's supernatural love, mercy, and forgiveness awaits every repentant sinner no matter what they have done.

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Genuine confession coupled with genuine repentance not only leads to forgiveness and reconciliation with God, but sometimes it leads to restoration with others.

2 Chronicles 33:14a

After this Manasseh rebuilt the outer wall of the City of David, from west of the Gihon Spring in the Kidron Valley to the Fish Gate, and continuing around the hill of Ophel.

2 Chronicles 33:14b

He built the wall very high. And he stationed his military officers in all of the fortified towns of Judah.

2 Chronicles 33:15a

**Manasseh also removed the
foreign gods and the idol from the
Lord's Temple.**

2 Chronicles 33:15b

He tore down all the altars he had built on the hill where the Temple stood and all the altars that were in Jerusalem, and he dumped them outside the city.

2 Chronicles 33:16

Then he restored the altar of the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings and thanksgiving offerings on it. He also encouraged the people of Judah to worship the Lord, the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:17

**However, the people still sacrificed
at the pagan shrines, though only
to the Lord their God.**

2 Chronicles 33:18

The rest of the events of Manasseh's reign, his prayer to God, and the words the seers spoke to him in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, are recorded in

The Book of the Kings of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:19a

Manasseh's prayer, the account of the way God answered him, and an account of all his sins and unfaithfulness are recorded in *The Record of the Seers.*

2 Chronicles 33:19b

It includes a list of the locations where he built pagan shrines and set up Asherah poles and idols before he humbled himself and repented.

2 Chronicles 33:20

**When Manasseh died, he was buried
in his palace. Then his son Amon
became the next king.**

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Principle #5

God's desire to forgive, redeem, and save His creation is infinitely greater than the power of sin, evil, death, and Satan to contaminate, destroy, and kill.

Principle #6

God's heart is merciful, compassionate, slow to anger, filled with unfailing love, and eager to turn back from destroying people.

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