

The Effect of Repentance  
2 Chronicles 33:10-13  
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Thesis: I want to show the ability for mankind to change when the desire is real.

Intro: 1. Manasseh, was the son of Hezekiah and followed him as the next king.  
2. Manasseh, is an example of change that can happen in the heart of any person.

I. The Rebellious King

A. Manasseh's perversions (v.1-9)

1. Manasseh commits idolatry and all sorts of evil.
2. He even sacrifices his own sons to other gods and places an idol in the Temple of the Lord.

B. Manasseh's punishment (v.10-11)

1. The Lord allows the Assyrians to capture Manasseh and lead him away in chains.
2. They would not listen (v.10), so God punished them. God warns but He also follows through with His warnings.

II. The Repentant King

A. Manasseh's confession (v.12-13)

1. Manasseh repents of his wickedness and calls out to the Lord.
2. The Lord hears Manasseh's prayer and allows him to return to his kingdom.

B. Manasseh's changed conduct (v.14-20)

1. Manasseh returns to Judah, removes the idols, and tears down the pagan altars he built.
2. He promotes the worship of the Lord for the rest of his reign.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Importance of the proper example (33:21-25)

1. Amon, Manasseh's son does evil in the sight of the Lord.
2. He worships idols and is later killed by his own officials.

B. Repentance is for the strong, not the weak, or the proud (33:12-13)

1. The strong and the humble can be the same person (v.12)
2. The Lord blesses the repentant (v.13)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Change is not impossible.
2. Some have said they have done too much, God could not forgive them, Manasseh is yet another example that proves that idea wrong.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9