

# The Christmas Files – Manasseh and Amon

“... Manasseh fathered Amon...” (Matthew 1:10)

**Text:** Matthew 1:10, 2 Chronicles 33

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The story of Manasseh challenges us to...

1) See the Slippery Slope of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-9)

A) Manasseh is one of the most wicked men in the Bible, and he commits sin “according to” the other nations in verse 2. In verse 9, he led Judah to do “more evil” than the nations God had destroyed.

B) We are all prone to this slippery slope of sin.

2) Seek True \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10-13)

A) There are two types of repentance in the Bible: worldly sorrow and Godly sorrow (see 2 Corinthians 7:8-11):

1. Worldly sorrow – Involves real sadness, brokenness, and tears. The focus of worldly sorrow is the world: people are sad that they are losing things the world has to offer. This kind of sorrow leads to death.

2. Godly sorrow – The focus on Godly sorrow is God himself. It is earnest in overcoming the sin. It leads to an eagerness to clear oneself. It leads to indignation and hatred towards your sin. It leads to true repentance and actions (fruit) that reflect repentance.

B) Manasseh's actions reflect true Godly sorrow towards his sin, and it results in the fruit of removing the idols from Judah.

C) We must seek true, Godly sorrow, and perform repentance that yields fruit. (Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8; Acts 26:20)

3) Serve God Faithfully, no matter your \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14-20)

A) Manasseh was used of God for the remainder of his life to tear down the pagan altars and clean out the Temple of God.

B) That God was able to forgive Manasseh for his sin shows us that God is able to forgive anyone (Romans 10:13).

C) Manasseh's repentance was able to “save Christmas” because he continued the line of descendants to his son Amon. Had Manasseh not repented, he would not have been able to become the father of Amon, who continued the royal line of the messiah.

## Where is Jesus in 1 Chronicles 33?

1. God was able to forgive Manasseh through the coming life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. It is at the cross of Jesus that all sin throughout history can find forgiveness.
2. Manasseh was an evil and imperfect king, making Israel desire the coming king and messiah who is without sin. Jesus fulfills all of the Old Testament offices of prophet, priest, and king.
3. After repentance, Manasseh was able to father Amon and continue the royal line to Jesus. (Matthew 1:10)

## Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.*

1. How would you respond to a convicted murderer who said he or she had repented and become a Christian and wanted to be released?
2. What direction did Manasseh take the nation spiritually? (33:2)
3. How did Manasseh undo his father's work? (33:3)
4. How did Manasseh desecrate the temple as a place of worship? (33:4-5)
5. What evil acts did Manasseh commit personally? (33:6)
6. How did Manasseh's actions defy the conditions of the promises God had made to David and Solomon? (33:7-8)
7. How did the paganism of Judah under Manasseh compare to what had existed before God gave the land to His people? (33:9)
8. How did Manasseh respond to warnings from the Lord? (33:10)
9. How did the Lord punish Manasseh for his sins? (33:11)
10. How did Manasseh change when he was taken into captivity? (33:12)
11. What happened to Manasseh while he was being punished? (33:12-13)
12. How did the Lord answer Manasseh's prayer? (33:13)
13. What did the new Manasseh build and destroy? (33:14-16)
14. How did the people use the altars previously used for worshiping false gods? (33:17)
15. What does the forgiveness of someone as evil as Manasseh tell us about God?
16. To what lengths is God willing to go to get our attention and cause us to repent?