

## Delight in God's Law

Outline (II Kings 23:1-7, 24-25, I John 2:3-5 & Matthew 5:17-20)

- I Just as it's important to study our nations' history, constitution and laws, it's just as important to study & obey God's word & laws
  - A. Our freedoms-protected by laws (a call for justice/equality)
  - B. Children should learn about our history of folks coming to America for a better life; also about slave trade/oppression of African Americans & Native Americans, & the crisis at our south border w/Mexicans & Central Americans coming.
  - C. Kids should learn our independence history/our constitution
    - 1. Forefathers motivated by Christian ideals-life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, w/Gov.checks & balances
    - 2. We can freely express our views/practice our beliefs.
    - 3. Our elected officials/judges/lawyers continue to study it
  - D. It's as important for Christians to study the Bible & obey it. OT leaders that didn't read/study/obey God's law=failure!
  - E. Josiah was a good King; his father & grandfather were not. Manassah and Amon were idolaters & shed innocent blood.
- II. The story of Judah's downfall should be a warning to us.
  - A. Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.
    - 1. Had the temple repaired & a book of the Law's found.
    - 2. King David-be careful to follow God's laws-Psalm 1
    - 3. Josiah was convicted by reading of the law, inquired of prophetess Huldah-said evil upon Judah after Josiah.
    - 4. Had public reading of God's law-covenant renewed
    - 5. Made reforms/commanded folks to keep the Passover
  - B. Kings after Josiah-not good; they didn't follow the Lord. Judah was attacked by Babylon & people taken into exile.
  - C. Our nation has been blessed for our obedience to Christ, but now folks hardly read Bibles/don't know 10 Commandments so our society's more amoral/corrupt=injustice/immorality
  - D. Some believe we just need to love/don't need to follow laws, but I Jn.2:4-5 says that keeping God's word=loving God.
  - E. Matt. 5-Jesus said "I've not come to abolish but fulfill God's law". He must be grieved by our callousness toward sin.
  - F. We must read/study Bibles/obey God & blessings will flow!