

“Renewing Our Vows” **Valentine’s Day 2/14/21**

II Kings, Chapters 22-23

What Josiah inherited:

What Josiah did:

We are the _____!

➤ **Let’s _____!**

_____ **what God instructs us _____.**

_____ **what God instructs us _____.**

Fulfill the _____.

➤ **Matthew 22:37-40**

➤ **Deuteronomy Chapters 5-6**

Takin’ it “to-go”:

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT

Valentine's Day Sunday, February 14, 2021: "Renewing Our Vows" – II Kings, Chapters 22-23

Thinking about it:

In my life, I have participated, both as pastor and attendee, in a number of ceremonies where married couples renewed their vows to each other. The ceremonies usually resemble a wedding ceremony, and often recreate their original ceremony as closely as possible.

Some couples have had a very healthy marriage. Of course with its ups and downs, because "healthy" doesn't mean flawless or difficulty-free, but through it all they have been faithful, loving, and committed to each other. Why would such a couple want to renew their vows? What are they expressing to each other and to those around them?

Some couples have had some brokenness in their marriage. Either one or both of them have faltered in their faithfulness to each other. Maybe they were even separated for a while before redemptive counseling and healing brought reconciliation. (*I even know a couple that remarried each other after they were divorced!*) Why would such a couple want to renew their vows? What are they expressing to each other and to those around them?

In Sunday's message we heard how Josiah "*did right in the eyes of the Lord*" and purged the nation of all false idols, altars, etc. His heart was right from the very start of his reign (at the age of 8!), yet 18 years into it, the book of the law (God's law) was discovered during his effort to repair the temple. He realized how far he and the people fell short of the law due to the ignorance of its existence and content. He called ALL the people of Judah to a reading of the whole book of the law and ordered full compliance of the law. The people agreeably "renewed their vows" of the Covenant. God put His punishment of the people "on hold" for Josiah's reign due to his contriteness and the renewal of "vows".

What are some things we can learn from this as believers trying to "*do right in the eyes of the Lord*" today?

Looking to scripture: What do the following passages tell us about "Renewing Our Vows" to the Lord?

- Malachi 3:6-7
- Lamentation 3:40
- Jeremiah 24:7
- II Peter 3:17-18
- Psalm 119:1-16

PRAY: *Thank God for His acceptance and patience as you try to "do right" in His eyes. Express how your love for Him makes you want to please Him in all you do. Commit to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" with all that you are!*

What Josiah inherited:

What Josiah did:

We are the **BRIDE OF CHRIST!**

➤ Let’s **RENEW OUR VOWS!**

STOP DOING what God instructs us **NOT TO DO.**

START DOING what God instructs us **TO DO.**

Fulfill the **WHOLE LAW.**

➤ Matthew 22:37-40

➤ Deuteronomy Chapters 5-6

Takin’ it “to-go”: *Loving God with all that I am makes me want to please Him in all that I do!*