



<sup>18</sup> “Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup> It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, <sup>20</sup> that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

(Deuteronomy 17:18-20)

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. <sup>2</sup> He did right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he turn aside to the right or to the left. (2 Kings 22:1-2)

<sup>25</sup> Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him. (2 Kings 23:25)

## Josiah and the Book 2 KINGS 22:1-20

### Josiah & the Book

Q: What is this book?

- at least the book of Deuteronomy, or a significant portion of it
- *God's revelation is written in a book!* (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16)

### Josiah & the Book

1. An Infallible Word

- “the book” is received as God's authoritative word – true and unailing
- as God's word, it demands a response

## Josiah & the Book

### 2. A "Hearing" Heart

- Josiah expresses humility, mourning and repentance upon *hearing* God's word
- God *hears* Josiah and grants him mercy in the face of His inevitable judgment

## Josiah & the Book

### 3. An Unreserved Obedience

<sup>1</sup> Then the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> The king went up to the house of the LORD and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant.

(2 Kings 23:1-3)

## Josiah & the Book

### 3. An Unreserved Obedience

- like Moses, he led the nation in a covenant renewal to keep all the words of this book
- his obedience was not based on outcome but out of love for the Lord and submission to His good word

## Josiah & the Book

Q: *What is our response to the word of God?*