



EVIL IN HIS SIGHT

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2 KINGS 21:1-2 NKJV – (1) Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. (2) **And he did evil in the sight of the LORD**, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

The story of King Manasseh is told in **2 Kings 21:1–18** and **2 Chronicles 32:33–33:20**, and he is also mentioned briefly in **Jeremiah 15:4**. Manasseh was king of the southern kingdom of Judah and the son of the godly king Hezekiah. Hezekiah had undertaken reforms in Judah to rid the land of idolatry. Manasseh, a wicked king, reversed these reforms and did much worse. The first five verses of **2 Kings 21** are a frank and stunning account of Manasseh's apostasy. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites.

Manasseh is a tragic figure in Scripture. Although he repented of his sin, he was unable to undo the damage he had done to the nation or to his own son who followed him. Manasseh demonstrates that, while any sin may be forgiven when we repent, forgiveness does not necessarily remove the natural consequences that flow from disobedience.

What does it mean to commit sin in the eyes of God or do evil in His sight? **It means that "We" believe that sin is the willful transgression of the known law of God, and that such sin condemns a soul to eternal punishment** unless pardoned by God through repentance, confession, restitution, and believing in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Many if not all have committed sin before the eyes of God. Now let's repent.

SCRIPTURE READING: NUMBERS 32:13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: He's all knowing. We can't hide what we do.