



When "good" king Josiah succeeded to the throne of Judah he followed the straight and narrow path of devotion to God. One of his first major acts was the repair of the Temple.—II Kings 21:2-22:1

During the repairs the Book of the Covenant was discovered and brought to the king. Huldah, a prophetess told Josiah the doom ordained in the Book would fall upon Judah after his death.—II Kings 22:8-20.

Josiah read the Law to the assembled people, declaring his own resolution of obedience to it. Renewal of the Covenant, religious reformation, and a notable Passover, followed.—II Kings 23:1-25.

The temporary return to God failed to save the nation from doom and God's judgment followed the untimely death of Josiah.—II Kings 23:26-30.

MEMORY VERSE: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."—Psalms 119:9.

**GOD'S WORD NEGLECTED**

**Josiah Revives Religion**

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As we study the history of the Hebrew nation and its kings it is difficult to see how they could so soon turn away from Jehovah who did so much for them and continued to send prophets to warn them what would happen if they turned to idolatry and the heathen practices of the Canaanite nations.

Yet, for many years before the reforms of Josiah, the Word of God had been neglected, and the worship of idols had filled Jerusalem to the point where it actually invaded the sacred precincts of the Temple.

The long reign of Manasseh had brought Judah down to its lowest depths of sensuality, idolatry and priestly corruption. Amon, who followed Manasseh,

was murdered in the second year of his reign, yet managed to follow the evil ways of his father.

Out of such a sea of idolatry and iniquity there emerges a king, Josiah, who, in spite of it, turned to God with all his heart. Through the advice and training provided in his early years by Jehidiah, his mother, and Hilkiah, the high priest, Josiah followed the straight and narrow path of devotion to God.

One of his earliest acts as king was to ask the people for free-will offerings to repair the Temple, which had fallen into a sad physical condition after more than two centuries of abuse. It is estimated that it took approximately six years for sufficient funds to come in, so repairs were begun when Josiah was about 18 years old.

During the repairs a great discovery was made. The Book of the Covenant was found in the Temple. The Book passed from Hilkiah, the high priest to Shaphan, the scribe, who read parts

of it and brought it to Josiah. When the king read the book and considered how its laws had been ignored by the people of Judah, his reaction was immediate. He rent his garments and sent a deputation to the prophetess, Huldah, to inquire about the terrible punishments contained therein.

Huldah replied that the judgments of God, so clearly stated in the Book of Law, would inevitably fall upon Judah, but, because Josiah had humbled himself before the Lord, he would be allowed to live out his life, and would be gathered into his grave in peace, so that his eyes would not see the evil God would bring upon the nation.

His own contrition and redevotion to God were insufficient for Josiah. Convinced that repentance would stay the doom of the nation, he called a huge convocation of the people to hear the Word of God and have an opportunity to know and understand their duty and obligation. To deepen the impression the

king himself read the precious scroll aloud.

At the end of the reading Josiah declared his own resolution to live in obedience to all the requirements of the divine Word and to perform the words of the covenant. Kindled by his enthusiasm, the elders, in the name of the people, gave eager concurrence to the act of the king, and the people pledged their allegiance to the covenant.

Still not satisfied, Josiah ordered a complete and thorough religious reformation, his motive being to wipe out every practice not in accordance with the Law of God as it was written in the book found in the Temple. All signs and symbols of idolatry were removed from the Temple, pagan groves and altars on the house-tops and hills surrounding Jerusalem were destroyed and their priests either suppressed or killed; wizards and magicians were put away; the houses of the cult prostitutes were destroyed. Josiah's reform, which began at the House of God, eventually extended to the boundaries of the kingdom and beyond; in an honest effort to so completely destroy idolatry it could never again take root among his people.

After the reformation was well underway the people were called to a great and solemn Passover

to celebrate the return of the people to the worship of Jehovah. Thousands of sacrifices were offered, and the contemporary writers felt that under Josiah there was a greater effort to do all according to the Law of Moses than under any other king.

Josiah lived and continued his reformation and godly leadership for 13 years after the reform movement began. The movement spread to national proportions, even extending to News living in Samaria and Galilee, but the people never really humbled themselves and repented, so the judgment upon Judah came swiftly and surely after the godly king was killed in battle.



**THE GOOD LIFE**

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

When Grandmother and Grandfather Todd came to say their goodbyes before leaving for Florida, we took their picture. Looking at it, I remember them as they were that day, serene and happy, anticipating their trip. To them there are no sunset years but always a new day ahead.

Life has truly been a table spread before them. Oh, there have been sorrows and trouble aplenty, but always His rod and staff have comforted them. Even in the shadow of death God has been with them, for the Lord is their Shepherd.

Such faith may be yours. Your church is the open door through which you may find that fellowship of understanding which has been to my grandparents their greatest treasure.

Attend your church and find there, through worship and prayer, the inspiration you need for religious growth.

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Sunday Psalms 23:1-6	Monday Psalms 37:23-29	Tuesday John 14:18-31	Wednesday Acts 21:7-14	Thursday Romans 8:18-25	Friday II Corinthians 5:6-10	Saturday Hebrews 11:8-12
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**ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE**  
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**Believes Wheel Chair Living To Be Miracle**

Minister, Rev. Leslie Tarr, thinks that being in a wheel chair is a miracle because he can "feel the hand of God on me."

"To me, this wheel chair is a miracle," Mr. Tarr said in an interview.

Mr. Tarr, 36, is a paraplegic, confined to a wheel chair for the rest of his life because he is unable to walk.

Two years ago he was healthy and the minister of a thriving congregation at a Baptist church in Winnipeg. He and his wife and four children looked forward to a bright future.

But early in 1963 he woke up with a high fever—the result of tubercular meningitis. He made a promising recovery, gaining partial use of his legs, and was hopeful of returning to an active pastorate.

However a series of setbacks, including an operation which made it impossible for him to walk again, relegated him to life in the wheel chair.

"I believe that in some instances, in cases like mine, it may well be God's will to restore people to an active pastoral ministry."

Mr. Tarr says he feels a whole new ministry is opening up in front of him.

He says the hardest thing he ever did was give up his Winnipeg ministry, but since then he has taught English and Latin at high school and turned to free-lance writing in the religious field.

In September he joined the faculty of Toronto's Central Baptist Seminary where he teaches pastoral counselling and Journalism. He has degrees in arts and divinity.

"When affliction comes, whatever form it takes, we can find the grace to accept it," Mr. Tarr said.

"God gives grace for present needs. This has been my experience. I haven't heard any voices in the night or seen any visions, but I know—I know—that God is guiding me."

Mr. Tarr says God didn't send tubercular meningitis, but allowed it, and he is convinced that "God is working out something for my ultimate good."

He says he was never in danger of losing his faith. He does not rule out the possibility of mass faith-healing meetings.

"I believe that the prayer of faith can raise up the sick, but the prayer of faith must always be in the context of God's will. And it isn't always God's will to heal."

**Religious Rights Require Respect**

WINNIPEG (CP)—More respect for the rights of religious and cultural minorities in advocated in briefs submitted today by three religious groups to the royal commission on biculturalism and bilingualism.

The Student Christian Movement of Canada says there is need for greater respect at the political level for the cultural and language differences that make up the Canadian mosaic.

"We feel that the time is right for an even more radical reconstruction of Confederation based on the 'association principle' for the participation of Quebec, state of the French-Canadian nation."

The brief recommends French be made a working language for French-Canadians in the federal civil service, the armed forces and Crown corporations, calls for extension of the CBC French network across Canada, an independent commis-

**New Life In Congo**

The following extract from a letter written recently by Miss K. L. Holmes-Libbis of the Bible Societies in the Congo, reveals something of the situation in that country:

"There seems to be a new spirit and new life in Congo recently, and plans are going ahead in the Protestant missions."

"Although every church is packed to overflowing for every service, it is estimated that at least 90 per cent of the population is unevangelized. What a breathtaking challenge! If only the Scriptures could be produced more quickly! We just can't keep a Lingala Testament or Tshiluba Bible in stock!"

"Down in the Kasai I was besieged with people pleading for the Word of God, and in some of the big centres, the people were actually accusing the missionaries of withholding the Scriptures from them. There is such a shortage."

"Unfortunately, the Tshiluba Bible took seven months to reach Congo from the time it left the packers, but it has shown us how desperately these people who have suffered so much want God's Word."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**  
Sunday, Dec. 12: John 1: 1-18.  
Monday, Dec. 13: John 1: 19-34.  
Tuesday, Dec. 14: John 1: 35-51.  
Wednesday, Dec. 15: John 3.  
Thursday, Dec. 16: John 1: 1.  
Friday, Dec. 17: John 14.  
Saturday, Dec. 18: John 15.

**Low-Rental Housing Said Needed**

OTTAWA (CP)—The Private market can't hope to supply adequate accommodation at rates the poor can pay, the federal - provincial conference on poverty has been told.

A paper on housing and poverty suggests considerably increased use of subsidies to provide low-rental accommodation.

The poor now depended on hand-me-downs - houses vacated by higher income groups moving to better areas - or public housing.

"Public housing in Canada has so far made a relatively small contribution to the amelioration of housing conditions among the poor," the report said. "Only about 22,000 public housing units have in fact been provided during the last 15 years and a further 30,000 low-rent dwellings have been provided under private sponsorship."

The report, distributed among 176 delegates, said many of the 250,000 homes now in need of major repairs couldn't be brought up to par.

There was a clear indication of a need for at least 300,000 units for low income families.

**Hees Suggests Trade Crusade**

TORONTO (CP)—George Hees, former Progressive Conservative trade and commerce minister here called upon businessmen for a new Canadian trade crusade.

In his first Toronto speech since election as federal member for Northumberland, Mr. Hees stressed the need for Canadian manufacturers to be more competitive overseas.

He held a Toronto Kiwanis Club meeting that businessmen and the trade and commerce department should work together to increase exports.

He accused many Canadian manufacturers of lacking self-confidence, and said they make no real effort to expand sales.

**Charlottetown Bible Chapel**  
235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.  
Services: 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Ronald Harris  
"The Old Book . . . the New Birth . . . the Precious Blood . . . the Blessed Hope"

**BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.)  
Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A.  
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship  
VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

**First Baptist Church**  
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets  
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m.—"IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME" Ordinance of Believer's Baptism  
Anthem: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Arr. Willan)  
7:00 p.m.—"CHRISTMAS B.C. OR A.D.?"  
Anthem: "See Amid The Winter Snow"  
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

**PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH**  
13 Christie Drive, Parkdale  
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs  
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
WHITE GIFT SUNDAY  
Carol: "I Know A Rose Tree Springing"  
—Prætorius  
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP  
Canadian Girls in Training  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

**SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH**  
Kirkwood Drive  
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis  
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL:  
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior (9-18) years  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary (up to 8 years)  
11:00 a.m.—INTO THE WORLD  
Choir: "All Beautiful The March of Days"  
7:00 p.m.—C.G.I.T. Vesper Service  
—Baptist, Presbyterian and Spring Park United  
"You are welcome to worship with us."

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
Corner Prince and Grafton Streets  
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister  
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess  
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.M.S., R.M.S., Organist and Choir Director.  
9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages.  
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School  
8:00 p.m.—Young Peoples' Bible Class  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: "WHERE LOVE AND SORROW MEET"  
Anthem: Christmas Song—M. Praetorius  
2:30 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP, Calvin Church, Mermaid  
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: THE HANDS OF HEALING  
Anthem: Good Christian Men Rejoice  
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

publishes a weekly newspaper for Canada's 155,000 Mennonites, says the commission should orient itself toward multilingualism and multiculturalism.

The ethnic minorities would not oppose the teaching of French in schools but would be resentful if French "crowded out" their own mother tongues.

The Newman Alumni of Manitoba, in a brief endorsed by the Canadian Federation of Newman Clubs, a Roman Catholic organization, argues some provinces impose unfair double taxation on Catholics, Jews and French-Canadians.

**The Salvation Army**  
"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"  
Great George Street  
55 Villa Avenue Capt. Ray Neisen  
Sunday: Day School—9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School—10 a.m.  
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.  
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home Meeting (Public meeting for ladies)  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

**CALVARY TEMPLE**  
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA  
Upper Prince Street  
Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor  
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service, Pastor Speaking.  
7:30 p.m.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE. An old fashioned service you will enjoy.  
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S SPIRITUAL WORK SHOP

**The Kirk of St. James**  
Minister:  
The Rev. Malcolm A. McCullag, B.A., B.D.  
Director of Music  
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO  
3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
Sermon:  
"LIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S DARKNESS"  
Anthem:  
"Subdue Us By Thy Goodness"—Bach  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery  
11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner  
You Are Invited To Worship With Us

**St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
Established 1789 by Royal Foundation  
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector  
Organist and Choir Director  
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M.  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION  
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL—Junior, Senior and Bible Classes  
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL—Crib Nursery, Beginners and Primary Classes  
11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON  
Children, please remember to bring a White Gift with you. All children must meet at the Parish Hall not later than 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Sermon: "CANDY PREACHES A SERMON"  
"Carol of the Advent"  
sung by the Junior Choir  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON  
Subject: "THE POOL SAYS IN HIS HEART THERE IS NO GOD"  
(Part IV—Sermons from the Psalms)  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES.

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.  
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.  
Organist and Director of Choirs: Mr. J. B. Herdman  
Church School — Trinity Hall  
9:45 a.m.—Junior—Upper Hall  
9:45 a.m.—Intermediate—Auditorium  
9:45 a.m.—Senior—Heartz Memorial Hall  
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Toddlers (Infants—two years old)  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten (3-5)—Auditorium  
11:00 a.m.—"HOW FAR TO BETHLEHEM?"  
Rev. J. G. E. Ball  
Solo: Mrs. K. A. Parker, David Hall and Edgar Wright  
Solo: Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (Messiah) Handel—Mrs. David Cox  
7:00 p.m.—"THE GREAT ADVENTURE"  
(Rev. J. G. E. Ball)  
Choir: "In The Bleak Midwinter"—Holst

**Central Christian Church**  
219 Kent Street  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper  
Sermon: "MAKE ROOM FOR HIM"  
Music: "Come Unto Him" (Messiah)  
Also—"Lo How A Rose" (Praetorius) by the Girls' Intermediate Choir.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service  
Guest Speaker: Mr. Rankin MacKinnon from the Maritime Christian College.  
Sermon: "DEATH"  
Music: "Stars All Bright are Beaming"  
Also—"Bring a Torch"  
By the Junior Choir  
Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale  
Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.  
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

**St. Peter's Cathedral**  
Rochford Square  
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA  
Ven. Archbishop J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector  
Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D.  
Honorary Assistant Priest  
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic.Mus., Organist  
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director  
Dec. 12—Third Sunday in Advent  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
9:45 a.m.—Mattsins  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Infants Class)  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong  
Parishioners are urged to attend special 7 p.m. service at St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, when the speaker will be Miss Anne Davison, assistant secretary of the Council for Social Service, Anglican Church of Canada.  
Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.