

Open The Door To The Temple Of Your Heart 2 Chronicles 29:1-36

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1. King Hezekiah was a 25-year-old man who cried for national revival in the southern kingdom of Judah. His intent was to restore the devotion of his people to God so that the Lord's judgment would cease.

Hezekiah was a very unlikely person for such a task. His father was Ahaz, one of the most wicked kings ever to rule in Israel. But in 16 days, 2 weeks and 2 days, he dedicated the people of God, gathered the people of God, and experienced national and personal revival in the temple of God.

Hezekiah turned the attention of his people to the sealed doors of the forsaken temple of Jerusalem.

a. **1 Cor. 3:16-17**

b. **1 Cor. 6:19-20**

2. This account is given to tell us that what happened in the O.T. to bring about renewal at that stone temple in the city are the same principles that will bring renewal in the temple of our hearts.

I. Opening The Door To Your Heart Requires Consecration. (4-14)

A. Hezekiah, knowing the condition of his nation, turned to the Levites, those in charge of temple worship and functions.

B. What keeps us from truly serving the Lord?

1. The role of the believer is priestly. (**1 Peter 2:5, 9**)

II. Opening The Door To Your Heart Requires Purification. (15-19)

A. This process of renewal of the temple of God required purification.

B. Sometimes our greatest obstacle is a Bible, which remains closed.

C. How do we bring renewal to our lives? (**Matt. 15:19; Matt. 6:19-21**)

III. Opening The Door to Your Heart Requires Dedication. (20-24)

A. Once the temple had been cleansed, the priests began to receive animals for sacrifice.

B. As they sought forgiveness in the sacrifice for sin, we must turn our attention to the cross, our hope. (**1 Peter 3:18; Matthew 16:24**)

IV. Opening The Door To Your Heart Requires Exaltation. (25-36)

A. Once sin offerings were made, King Hezekiah instructed worship after the pattern of King David.

B. True worship awaits us as we enter into the presence of God.

1. (**Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 116:16-19**)

C. When you enter into the joy of worship you will experience the potential for renewal.