

## I Have Found the Book

### Intro:

1. Lessons learned from Josiah, King of Judah —  
2 Kgs. 22:1 - 23:30; 2 Chro. 34:1 - 35:27.

### Body:

- I. He read the book. — 2 Kings 22:10.
  - A. Some six to ten decades earlier — Hos. 4:6.
  - B. We need to develop the attitude of Josiah. How do we do so?
    1. Recognize the importance of faith — Heb. 11:6.
    2. Recognize how to develop faith —  
Rom. 10:17; Lk. 16:31cf.
      - a. God's word has been given for our benefit —  
Rom. 15:4; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.
      - b. Therefore — 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 3:15.
- II. He received the word and repented — 2 Kings 22:11-13; 23:3.
  - A. The word of God can change men — Heb. 4:12; Rom. 2:4.
    1. Men can be cut to the heart — Acts 2:37-38, 41.
    2. They must be ready to listen and search the evidence —  
Jer. 29:13; 1 Th. 2:13; Acts 17:11.
  - B. We must develop the attitude of Josiah. How do we do so?
- III. He realized that others needed to know the word — 2 Kings 23:1-3.
  - A. Are there any who do not need the word of God? —  
1 Tim. 2:4; Mk. 16:15.
  - B. We need to develop the attitude of Josiah. How do we do so?
    1. Consider Paul — Rom. 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:16.
    2. Jeremiah recorded — Jer. 20:9.
- IV. He rejected all false ways in worship — 2 Kings 23:4-24.
  - A. We need to develop the attitude of Josiah. How do we do so?
    1. Jesus said — Jn. 4:23-24.
    2. We should be as the psalmist — Ps. 119:104.

### Conc:

1. Josiah was a man who turned to God — 2 Kings 23:25.
  - a. God invites you to do the same.