

REBELLION & RENEWAL – PART 2

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III. Renewal

At the heart of renewal...

*⁵ **He trusted in the Lord**, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. ⁶ **For he held fast to the Lord. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments** that the Lord commanded Moses. ⁷ **And the Lord was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered** (2 Kings 18:5–7).*

A. ... is a recommitment to the Holy.

*⁵ ... "Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and **carry out the filth from the Holy Place.** ⁶ For our fathers have **been unfaithful** and have **done what was evil** in the sight of the Lord our God. They have **forsaken him** and have **turned away their faces** from the habitation of the Lord and **turned their backs** (2 Chronicles 29:5–6).*

B. ... is a heart of worship.

*¹⁸ For a majority of the people... ...had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "**May the good Lord pardon everyone ¹⁹ who sets his heart to seek God...**" ²⁰ And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people (2 Chronicles 30:18–20).*

*Then the whole assembly agreed together to **keep the feast for another seven days**. So they kept it for another seven days **with gladness** (2 Chronicles 30:23).*

*Then the priests and the Levites arose and **blessed the people**, and their voice was heard, and **their prayer came to his holy habitation in heaven** (2 Chronicles 30:27).*

C. ... is the elimination of that which is unrighteous, impure and detestable.

*Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and **broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and broke down the high places and the altars** throughout all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, **until they had destroyed them all** (2 Chronicles 31:1).*

D. ... is a desire of gratitude.

⁴ *And he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, **that they might give themselves to the Law of the Lord.*** ⁵ *As soon as the command was spread abroad, **the people of Israel gave in abundance** the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. **And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything** (2 Chronicles 31:4–5).*

¹ *We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,* ² *for in a severe test of affliction, **their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty** have overflowed in **a wealth of generosity on their part.*** ³ *For they **gave according to their means**, as I can testify, and **beyond their means, of their own accord,*** ⁴ *begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints (2 Corinthians 8:1–4).*

⁷ *In the third month **they began to pile up the heaps**, and finished them in the seventh month.* ⁸ *When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, **they blessed the LORD and his people Israel** (2 Chronicles 31:7–8).*

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