

"MANASSEH"**Introduction**

1. The conversion of a King!
2. Samuel Rutherford's words
3. "Not many mighty". But here is one who was saved.

1. AN UNLIKELY CONVERT

- 1) The record of his evil life
- 2) In spite of a good father
- 3) What extremes of sin he went to!

- 4) Others like him: examples

APPLICATION: This is an encouragement:

- (i) See how gracious God is! (Paul)
- (ii) See your own case perhaps
- (iii) See how powerful is Christ's blood

APPLICATION: If Manasseh got to heaven then why not you?

2. HE WAS LATE BUT NOT TOO LATE

- 1) See how much time he lost.

OBSERVE: It is a pity to waste your life.

- 2) The best time is when you are young:

- (i) morning
- (ii) afternoon
- (iii) evening

OBSERVE: Surely Manasseh mourned his loss
Also the harm he had done.

ILLUSTRATION: J. Newton visits dying man

- 3) Think of the harm he had done
APPLICATION: Look at the record!

- 4) Is it not true of you: If you had only come to Christ earlier it would have been far better for you + others

- 5) But thankfully, he was not too late:

- (i) God's dealings came home to him
- (ii) He saw the folly of his ways
- (iii) He prayed at last for mercy

- 6) **DOCTRINE**: It is never too late in this life.

APPLICATION: Why do you delay? The clock moves on + on + on... O repent!

OBJECTION: I am too sinful

ANSWER: Look at Manasseh here!

3. THERE IS NO SALVATION TILL WE ARE HUMBLLED

- 1) This is the golden rule of the gospel: we must be humbled before we are saved

- 2) **Examples**: Paul; Acts 2; Acts 16...

OBSERVE: The problem of the Rich Young Ruler

- 3) **So Christ said**: "I come not..."

ILLUSTRATION: Who goes to hospital well?

- 4) The deep reason why people do not confess Christ publicly is all too often:

- (i) "I am respectable enough"
- (ii) "Why should I lower myself?"
- (iii) "I am just as good as these Christians".

APPLICATION: Have you been humbled yet?

CONCLUSION

In a month's time – Communion.

Will you be at the table?

ILLUSTRATION: son of William Grimshaw.

Why not you?

PSALM

14: 1 – 7

107: 40–43 143: 6-10