Northwest Bible Church - Oct. 29, 2017 - Reformation Sunday - Alan Conner

**2 Kings 22**

*Josiah the Reformer*

Intro

**A. THE NEED FOR REFORMATION.**

1. The reign of Manasseh and Amon (2 Kings 21).

 2. Josiah’s reign (2 Kings 22 - 23:30).

**B. THE CAUSE OF REFORMATION.**

 1.Josiah became king at age 8 (2 Kings 22:1-2).

 2. Josiah begins physical repairs to the temple (2 Kings 22:3-7).

 3. A marvelous discovery (2 Kings 22:8-10).

 4. The response of the king.

 a. Repentance (2 Kings 22:11, 19).

 b. Inquires of the Lord (2 Kings 22:12-20).

 c. Public reading of the law (23:1-2).

 d. Covenant with the Lord (23:3).

 e. Removal of all idols (23:4-20).

 f. Re-instituted the Passover (23:21-23).

**C. THE END OF REFORMATION**

 1. God’s judgment for Manasseh’s evil was only postponed (23:26-27).

 2. Josiah is killed by Pharoah Neco (23:29).

 3. Jehoahaz did evil in the sight of the Lord (23:31-32).

**D. PRINCIPLES FOR REFORMATION.**

1. Revelation precedes reformation and revival.

 2. Be doers of the Word not hearers only. Jas. 1:22.

 3. How to read the Scriptures.

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Conclusion