

**2 Chronicles 29 — “The Importance of Biblical Worship: Hezekiah’s Restoration of Biblical Worship!”**

Society may seem bleak, so much lack of life, but when God’s WORD is exalted, his TRUTH is upheld, his GOSPEL is proclaimed, His SPIRIT energizes, then mighty things happen!  
And that’s precisely what Hezekiah’s kingship shows us.

**King Hezekiah -- the man:**

Name means: “Yahweh strengthens”

- He is extremely important (his record is recorded in great detail in 3 accounts of Scripture — 2 Chron 29-32; 2 Kings 18-20; Isa 36-39 [note: Isaiah the prophet was an eyewitness of the events & a royal prophet who advised & prophesied to King Hezekiah himself!]).
- Interestingly, the account in 2 Kings focuses on his political/military affairs and only one verse to his religious reform, but the 2 Chronicles account focuses almost entirely on his religious reforms!

- Overview of 2 Chronicles 29-32

- ❖ Hezekiah’s **RESTORATION** OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP (2 Chron 29)
- ❖ Hezekiah’s **CELEBRATION** OF THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL (2 Chron 30)
- ❖ Hezekiah’s **REFORMATION**, DELEGATION & GODLINESS (2 Chron 31)
- ❖ Hezekiah’s **TRUST** DURING SENNACHERIB’S INVASION (2 Chron 32:1-23)
- ❖ Hezekiah’s **ILLNESS** & RECOVERY (2 Chron 32:24-33)

**THIS IS WHAT WE NEED IN OUR DAY.**

We need reformation. We desperately need a “reformation”; a revival; a restoration of God’s worship – of holy worship, of a toweringly high view of God. We don’t need new truth. We need a recovery of God’s already revealed Truth and a fresh commitment to and a powerful proclamation of this sufficient Truth both to save and to sanctify!

**WHAT DOES HEZEKIAH DO? WHAT DOES REFORMATION LOOK LIKE???**

What are some elements in reformation. From this chapter, we’ll see 6 elements of true reformation.

**REFORMATION** in a REPROBATE WORLD...

1. The **Prioritizing** of God’s Worship (1-4) >> *PRIORITY*
2. The **Sanctifying** of God’s People (5-15) >> *PURITY*
3. The **Consecrating** of God’s House (16-19) >> *PLACE*
4. The **Sacrificing** for God’s Atonement (20-24) >> *PROPITIATION*
5. The **Singing** of God’s Praises (25-30) >> *PRAISE*
6. The **Rejoicing** in God’s Greatness (31-36) >> *PARTICIPATION (PEOPLE)*

**I. THE PRIORITIZING OF GOD’S WORSHIP (1-4)**

Nothing is more central to the Chronicler’s message than worshipping God!

## **II.THE SANCTIFYING OF GOD’S PEOPLE (5-15)**

## **III.THE CONSECRATING OF GOD’S HOUSE! (16-19)**

## **IV.THE SACRIFICING FOR GOD’S ATONEMENT (20-24)**

## **V.THE SINGING OF GOD’S PRAISES! (25-30)**

## **VI.THE REJOICING IN GOD’S GREATNESS! (31-36)**

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**Is there hope?** by the power of God - YES!  
 by the power of Gospel - YES!  
 by the power of GRACE - YES!

**Hezekiah is a godly leader, a portrait of people that we desperately need in our day...**

And this great king (albeit imperfect) *points us* to an even greater One! King Jesus who will have a greater Kingdom (Psalm 72 & Isaiah 2).

*Conclusion:*

In 1555, two Church of England bishops were burnt at the stake by the hands of the Catholic Queen Mary, Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer.

When they were on trial, Ridley was asked if he believed the pope was heir to the authority of Peter as the foundation of the Church, he replied that the church was not built on any man but on the truth Peter confessed -- that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. Ridley said he could not honor the pope in Rome since the papacy was seeking its own glory, not the glory of God.

Furthermore, neither Ridley nor Latimer could accept the Roman Catholic mass as a sacrifice of Christ. Latimer told the commissioners, "Christ made one oblation and sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and that a perfect sacrifice; neither needeth there to be, nor can there be, any other propitiatory sacrifice."

These biblically true statements were deeply offensive to Roman Catholic theologians.

Latimer was burned next to Ridley. While walking together to the place of execution, Latimer said:

“Play the man, Master Ridley; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out!”

"It's time for a new Reformation in the Church--to call the Church back to the authority of the Word of God, beginning in Genesis." (Kem Ham)

"Christians in revival are accordingly found living in God's presence (Coram Deo), attending to His Word, feeling acute concern about sin and righteousness, rejoicing in the assurance of Christ's love and their own salvation, spontaneously constant in worship, and tirelessly active in witness and service, fueling these activities by praise and prayer." (Jl Packer)

“Revival, above everything else, is a glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is the restoration of Him to the center of the life of the Church. You find this warm devotion, personal devotion, to Him.” (Martyn Lloyd Jones)

## Holy Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy  
sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not  
see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky  
and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
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## Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
loving-kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,

poured incessant from above,  
and heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me  
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting  
as I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring  
Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

## The Gospel Song (Holy God)

Holy God in love became  
Perfect man to bear my blame  
On the cross he took my sin  
By his death I live again!