

## A Message on Manasseh

*II Chronicles 33:1-20*

Hezekiah served his God and turned his people to the Lord;  
They destroyed the heathen altars that Almighty God abhorred.  
They resumed the Temple worship as instructed all along,  
And God saved them from disaster though their enemies were strong.

But Manasseh did not follow in his father's godly way.  
He put idols in the Temple that would lead the folks astray,  
And established heathen altars on the highest hills and rocks;  
So God let his foes defeat him and restrain his feet in stocks

When Manasseh grew repentant he confessed the things he'd done,  
And when God restored his kingdom he corrected every one.  
He removed the heathen altars, and they served the Lord instead,  
But he could not make them see that they should worship as He said.

Temple worship didn't recover till Josiah brought it back,  
For it's easier to wander than to get things back on track.  
If we sacrifice the truth no matter what our reason why,  
We may never get it back no matter how much we may try.

Don't insist on mere traditions, but contend for all the truth.  
Folks may call you narrow-minded and consider you uncouth,  
But the prizes of the Christian are the praises of the Lord,  
And the smile of His approval is our ultimate reward.

*"Earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints."  
Jude 1:3*

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