

I. Josiah Saw The Need For Renewal (3-7)

A. Prioritizing the temple (3) – “In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the LORD...”

B. Giving in the temple (4, 7) - "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people. 7 But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

1. The people brought the money

2. The servants collected the money

3. Leadership allocated the money

4. Integrity protected the money

C. Vision in the temple (5-6) – “And let it be given into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD, and let them give it to the workmen who are at the house of the LORD, repairing the house (that is, to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons), and let them use it for buying timber and quarried stone to repair the house.”

II. Nobody Grasped The Treasure Of The Word (8-9)

A. Position without power (8a) - “And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” As the High Priest, Hilkiah should have rejoiced at the rediscovery of the Word

B. Possession without perception (8b) – “And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.”

C. Routine without revelation (9) - “And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord.”

III. God Was Determined To Reach Them With Revelation (10-11)

A. A casual attitude toward Scripture (10a) - “Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.”

B. A curious response toward Scripture (10b) – “And Shaphan read it before the king.”

C. A consuming response toward Scripture (11) – “When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes.”