



Repentance in the rise of fall of kingdoms of Israel

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Opening Questions

1. What is repentance?





1, Repentance in the NT



1) True repentance

Acts 26:19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Acts 26:20 but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should **repent** (metanoëo), **turn to** (epistrepho) God, and do works befitting **repentance** (metanoia).

2) Repentance in Greek

- 1) Repent: metanoëo (Greek), change mind
- Repentance: metanoia (Greek), change of mind
- Q: How do you know a person has changed his mind or has repented?
- 2) Turn: “strepho” (Greek), turn one’s body.
- Turn/return to (God): “epi-strepho” (Greek).
- Turn away from (sins): “apo-strepho” (Greek).

Summary of Repentance in the NT

- i. inside: change of heart/mind;**
 - ii. outside: turning away from sins and returning to God (and doing good).**
- Repentance is necessary for remission of sins and for salvation.**
 - Repentance is necessary for believers to stay in God's way.**



Sharing

- ➔ **Repentance at the heart of the gospel.**



2, Repentance in the Covenant



1) Repentance in Hebrew

- a) "t'shuvah": a noun, "turning, returning".
- b) "shuv": the root verb of "teshuvah", which means turn or return. It was translated to the Greek word "strepho" (Septuagint).
- c) "kana": "bend the knee, humble". Repentance brings a person to humble before God.

2) Covenant at Mount Sinai

Lev 26:40 'But if they **confess** their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,

Lev 26:41 and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts **are humbled** (kana), and they accept their guilt—

Lev 26:42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.

3) Covenant at the Land of Moab

Deu 30:1 "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you **call** (shuv) them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

Deu 30:2 and you **return to** (shuv) the LORD your God and **obey His voice**, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deu 30:3 that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.



Question

➔ **What does “obey His voice” mean?**






3, Repentance in the Israel's Kingdoms



1) Repentance: Solomon's prayers


- ▶ Solomon prayed when he dedicated the Temple in 1 Kings 8:22-53 (32 verses).
 - ▶ How many verses mention repentance?
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Solomon's prayers

1Ki 8:33 "When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they **turn back** (shuv) to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple,

1Ki 8:34 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.



Solomon's prayers

1Ki 8:35 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and **turn from** (shuv) their sin because You afflict them,

1Ki 8:36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

2) Repentance: Rehoboam and David

➤ Rehoboam – King of Judah

2Ch 12:1 Now it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he **forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel along with him.**

Repentance of Rehoboam


2Ch 12:6 So the leaders of Israel and the king ***humbled themselves***; and they said, "The LORD is righteous."

2Ch 12:7 Now when the LORD saw that they ***humbled themselves***, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have ***humbled themselves***; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

Repentance of David

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a ***broken spirit***, A broken and a ***contrite heart***— These, O God, You will not despise.

- The attitude of true repentance: a ***broken spirit***, a ***contrite heart***



Sharing: what keeps me from repenting?

1. Humility
 2. A broken spirit and a contrite heart
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3) Repentance of the kings

- David (Psalm 51), Rehoboam (2 Ch 12:5-8)
- Asa (2 Ch 15:1-7)
- Jehoshaphat (2 Ch 19:4)
- Hezekiah (2 Ch 30:4-9; 32:24-26)
- Manasseh (2 Ch 33:10-13)
- Josiah (2 Kings 22:18-20; 23:23-25; 2 Ch 34:14-33)
- Zedekiah (2 Ch 36: 11-13)
- The fall of Israel (2 Kings 17)
- Ahab (1 Kings 21:25-29)



Jehoshaphat – King of Judah

2Ch 19:4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and ***brought them back*** (shuv) to the LORD God of their fathers.



Hezekiah – King of Judah

2Ch 32:24 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the LORD; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign.

2Ch 32:25 But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.


2Ch 32:26 Then Hezekiah *humbled himself* for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.



Manasseh – King of Judah

2Ch 33:10 And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.

2Ch 33:11 Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.



Manasseh repented

2Ch 33:12 Now when he was in affliction, he *implored* the LORD his God, and *humbled himself greatly* before the God of his fathers,

2Ch 33:13 and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.

Zedekiah – King of Judah

2Ch 36:11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

2Ch 36:12 He did evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and **did not humble himself** before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD.

2Ch 36:13 And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear *an oath* by God; but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against **turning to** (shuv) the LORD God of Israel.

4) Why did the kingdoms fall?

- It was because the people forsook the LORD.**
- The kings were the representatives of the nations.**


Jer 5:1 "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; See now and know; And seek in her open places If you can find a man, If there is anyone who executes judgment, Who seeks the truth, And I will pardon her.

Summary of repentance in OT

- ▶ **Humbling before the LORD.**
- ▶ **Having a broken spirit and a contrite heart.**
- ▶ **Confessing one's iniquity.**
- ▶ **Turning away from sins.**
- ▶ **Turning to God and obey His voice, according to all the Law of Moses.**



God's response

- **forgiveness of sins**
 - **Showing mercy**
 - **Deliverance**
 - **Bringing Israel back to the land**
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4, Repentance in a believer's life

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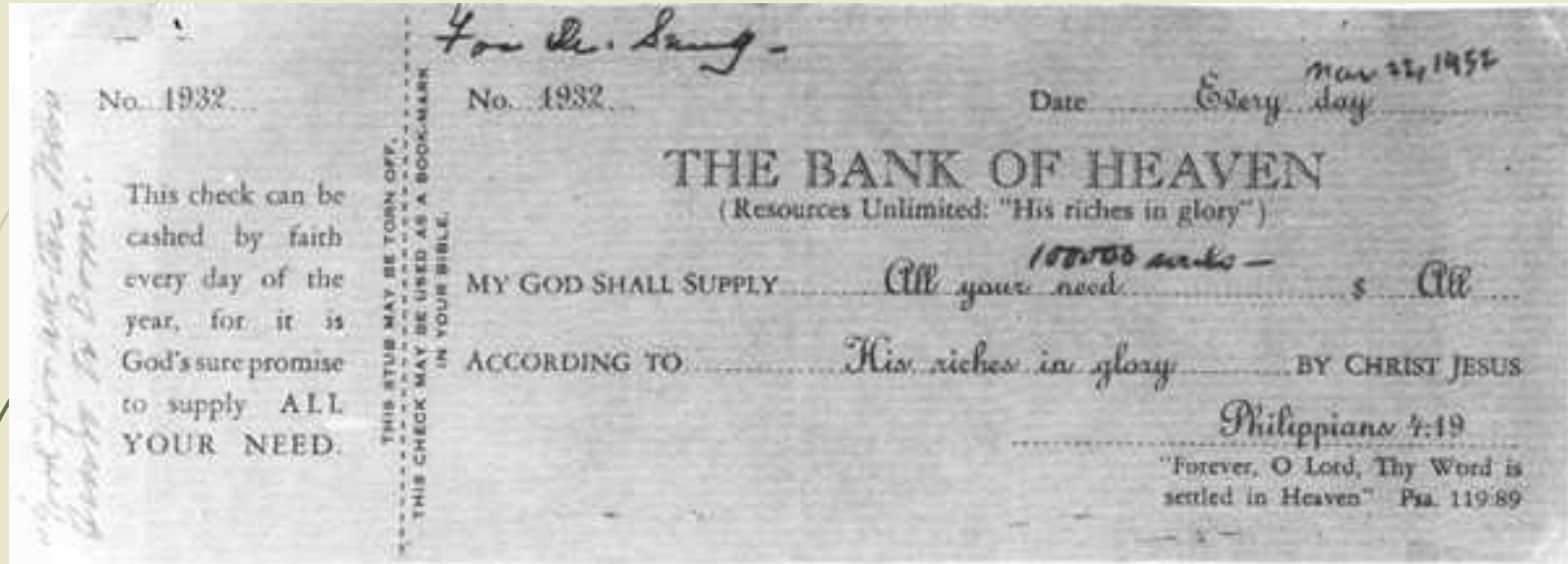
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Repentance

- **Full repentance**
 - **Pursuit of holiness through repentance.**
 - **Spiritual power from repentance and prayers.**
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Why does God forgive our sins?

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

Exo 34:7 keeping mercy for thousands, *forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin*, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."



Summary

- **Pray for ourselves**
 - **Pray for USA and the nations**
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