

52 Prayers from the Bible

Study #25
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A Prayer of Humility

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they didn't listen. ¹¹So He brought against them the military commanders of the king of Assyria. They captured Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze [shackles], and took him to Babylon. ¹²When he was in distress, he sought the favor of the LORD his God and earnestly humbled himself before the God of his ancestors. ¹³He prayed to Him, so He heard his petition and granted his request, and brought him back to Jerusalem, to his kingdom. So Manasseh came to know that the LORD is God. (2 Chronicles 33:10-13)

1. What is the national scene look like at this time?
2. What does "they didn't listen" mean?
3. Did God punish Manasseh, the people, or both?
4. If God evaluated how we as his people today are listening, what do you think he would say to us?
5. Why did God respond to Manasseh's prayer?
6. How can this story inform our prayers today?