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I Spy Salvation's Story

Law/Gospel

Neglect of the Word of God leads to discipline and destruction.

Through His Holy Word, God grants His children faith, favor, and blessing.

Bible Words

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:16

From the Catechism

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation
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The Case of the Missing Scroll: King Josiah

2 Kings 22:1–20

Imagine being eight years old and tasked with running an entire kingdom. That was reality for Josiah, who was made king of Judah after his father, Amon, died at the hands of servants who conspired against him.

Thankfully, King Josiah had faithful elders to guide him, such as Hilkiah the high priest, and “he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD” (v. 2). Josiah put aside the ways of his father and grandfather, Manasseh, who worshiped idols and even sacrificed their own children.

Josiah directed the people of Judah back to their covenant to serve God and obey His laws. He destroyed the idols built by his ancestors and commanded carpenters and other workers to repair God’s temple, which had been damaged.

A Startling Discovery

During the repair of the temple, the high priest Hilkiah found the Book of the Law, which contained God’s commands to the people. When Josiah’s secretary read it to him, he realized how far the people had strayed from God’s commands.

Josiah sought the help of a prophetess named Huldah, who told him that God would punish the people for rejecting Him and worshipping idols. However, because Josiah was faithful, God promised that he would be buried peacefully with the other kings, and no destruction would come while he remained alive.

Like the people of Judah, we are also condemned in our sin. Like Josiah, God calls us to repent and seek His forgiveness. If we repent, God is merciful and leads us to the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great forgiveness and mercy won by Jesus on the cross. In Your Son’s name we pray. Amen.

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