

Revive Us Again!

Part 15 – Removing Spiritual Rubbish

A. Introduction

1. 2 Chron 29:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. 2 And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.

- Hezekiah – “The Lord strengthens”
2. He sought to obey and please God
- Brought significant reformation and revival
3. Discover spiritual patterns and principles of revival

B. Hezekiah’s command to remove rubbish

2 Chron 29:3-7 (NKJV) – Remove the rubbish

3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them. 4 Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square, 5 and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place. 6 For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the Lord our God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the Lord, and turned their backs on Him. 7 They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

- a) 2 Chron 29:3 (NKJV) – Opened the temple doors and repaired them
- 3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them.*

- Rev 3:20 (NLT)

20 "Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.

- b) 2 Chron 29:5 (NKJV) – "...sanctify yourselves...remove the rubbish"

5 and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place.

- c) 2 Chron 29:6 (NKJV) – Sins of the forefathers

6 For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the Lord our God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the Lord, and turned their backs on Him.

- d) 2 Chron 29:7 (NKJV) – Specific sins:

7 They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

- Put out the lamps
- No burning of incense
- No burnt offerings

- e) 2 Chron 29:16 (NKJV) – Cleansing the "inner part"

¹⁶ Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron.

- Psa 51:10-13 (NKJV)

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¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.