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II Kings 22:8-9, “<sup>8</sup>And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. <sup>9</sup>And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king.”

During the time of the kings the word of God had gotten far from the people. There were not many copies of the law and it seems from passages like above, what copies of the law they had were just put aside and basically “lost.”

We know what it’s like to put something aside and with time we forget about it. We might even run across something and accidentally find it and didn’t even know it was lost. It’s very common to put on a coat when cold weather first arrives and find something in the pockets we had forgotten about.

How sad it is that the word of God is put aside by people and with time they forget it’s even there and available. Most of us have multiple copies of the Bible, and it’s a little harder to “lose” the copies we have. But many people don’t have a copy of the Bible.

They might have been reared in a home where the Bible was not important, or perhaps live in a country where the Bible is not nearly as available. There are places today where it would be punishable to even have or read publically from the Bible.

With technology it’s much easier to have a copy of the Bible. Cell phones are becoming very common in even the most impoverished countries. With such devices, people are able to have an entire copy of the Bible with them at all times. In a sense, when people obtain such technology, they have “found” the book of the law.

Note the various things that happened in II Kings 22 when Hilkiyah found the book of the law.

1. **A priest found the law.** It’s interesting that Hilkiyah was the one who found the book of the law. He was the priest and would have been near the temple and place of worship. It was only natural that he found the book. Those far off from the temple had little to no chance of finding the book. Likewise, the further away we are from the LORD and serving Him, the less likely we are to find the word of God and it’s treasures. It’s not impossible for anyone to discover the word of God, but the further away someone is, the harder it is to find and follow God’s word.

All Christians are God’s priests under the new law. Revelation 1:6, “*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*” As God’s priests we need to be very close to the word and never let it be lost from us. When it’s near to us, we can do what Hilkiyah did next.

2. **He gave the book to Shaphan.** When Hilkiyah found the book of the law, he gave it to someone else. Shaphan was the scribe. The scribes were the ones who most likely would be reading, studying, and sharing the word of God with others. When we find the word, we

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# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry. Lauren Candela** has a mass in her back and

is going to need spine surgery. Surgery is scheduled for this Wednesday and Friday, July 19 and July 21. **Clay Bozarth** had skin cancer surgery on his head last Monday. He is doing well, but some more, less serious surgery, is required and quite a few follow ups.

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need to share it with others so the truth will spread. We don't keep it to ourselves. The word "gospel" means "good news." The possibility of eternal salvation truly is good news. It's the best news anyone could receive. We need to give the word to others when we find it.

Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:2, "*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*" When we find and hear the word of God, we are to pass it to others, who then can pass it on.

Paul wrote in Romans 10:18, "*But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.*" How did the whole earth hear the word of God without the technology we have today? People shared it with others then they passed it on. It was good news and people wanted to share it and the word went into the whole earth.

**3. Shaphan brought the king.** In the same way, when we read the Bible, obey it, and share it, we bring the King. Not the king of a nation, but the King of Kings. We will bring to people the King that will stand before them in judgment. People will still make their own  
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Sunday, July 9, 2023		
Classes	11	Mark 11:12-23
Preaching	20	James 4:13-15
Contribution	\$824.00	
Evening	16	Habakkuk 1:1-17
Wednesday, July 12, 2023		
Classes	14	II Timothy 1:1-18

Visitors—  
 Jul 9 (AM) Abby Henderson (Seattle, WA); Barbara Clark (Horse Cave, KY)  
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## Bible Quiz

What did the psalmist say was very pure?  
 Last Week's Answer— Thy word (Psalm 119:105)

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choice, but we can go as far as bringing the King to them. Jesus is the Word, and when we take the word to others, we are taking Jesus to them.

We can have the Bible all about us, and it still be "lost" if we are not ever reading it. Find the word, share it, read it, and take the King to the lost of the world.  
 —Marty Edwards❖

## —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)