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**SOUTH POINT
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Finding God's Direction for Life



THE GREATEST WORDS IN THE BIBLE
“THE WORD THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO HEAVEN: _____”
LUKE 13:3

WHAT IS THE WORD THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO HEAVEN? WHAT IS THE WORD THAT NO ONE CAN PRONOUNCE WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT? WHAT IS THE WORD WITH WHICH JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH? WHAT IS THE WORD THAT CANNOT BE SPOKEN IN HELL, AND WHICH NO ONE IN HEAVEN NEEDS TO USE? THAT WORD IS REPENT. REPENTANCE IS A WORD WHICH IS FOUND ALL THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE. JESUS, THE PROPHETS, AND THE APOSTLES ALL PREACHED REPENTANCE AS THEIR MAJOR THEME. REPENTANCE OPENS THE DOOR TO HEAVEN, FOR ONLY A FORGIVEN SINNER CAN ENTER HEAVEN, AND ONLY A SINNER WHO REPENTS CAN BE FORGIVEN.

MANASSEH'S REPENTANCE

MANASSEH IS THE PRODIGAL SON OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. HIS FATHER, KING HEZEKIAH, WAS ONE OF THE GODLIEST MEN IN THE BIBLE. BUT MANASSEH WAS NOTHING LIKE HIS FATHER. HIS REIGN WAS ONE LONG NIGHTMARE OF WICKEDNESS, IDOLATRY, AND CRUELTY. BUT ONE DAY HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE EQUALLY CRUEL ASSYRIANS, AND THEY TORTURED HIM, PUT IN A CAGE, AND PARADED HIM AROUND AS THEIR PRIZE PRISONER. ALL OF THIS CAUSED MANASSEH TO REPENT OF HIS SINS AND CALL UPON GOD.

WHEN HE WAS RESTORED TO THE THRONE HE DEVOTED HIMSELF TO UNDOING THE GREAT EVIL HE HAD DONE IN THE PAST BY PERSUADING THE NATION TO FOLLOW GOD. AFTER 50 YEARS OF SIN, HE REPENTED. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO REPENT.

DAVID'S REPENTANCE

DAVID'S GREAT SIN WITH BATHSHEBA WAS THE LOW POINT OF HIS LIFE, BUT WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET CONVICTED HIM OF HIS SIN, HE REPENTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY. IT SERVES AS A MODEL OF HOW WE ARE TO REPENT SINCERELY. HE PRAYED FOR THE LORD “TO RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION, AND THEN SHALL I TEACH TRANSGRESSORS THY WAYS.” THAT IS WHAT DAVID HAS BEEN DOING FOR HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF YEARS—TEACHING PEOPLE ABOUT THE DECEITFULNESS AND SINFULNESS OF THEIR OWN HEARTS, AND ALSO OF THE WONDERFUL MERCY OF GOD.

THE GREAT MUSIC OF HEAVEN WILL BE FURNISHED, NOT BY THE UNFALLEN ANGELS, ALTHOUGH THAT WILL BE GREAT AND MAGNIFICENT, BUT BY SINNERS WHO HAVE REPENTED! THEY CAN SING BECAUSE THEIR REPENTANCE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DOORS OF HEAVEN TO BE OPENED. ALL OF HEAVEN IS AWAITING TO SING AND REJOICE EVEN OVER ONE SOUL THAT REPENTS.

ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT THE DOORS OF HEAVEN WILL BE OPENED TO YOU?