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“a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.”

2 Kings 21:13

## Dirty Dishes

Boys and girls, there is a passage in the Bible that tells us that sinners are just like a pile of dirty dishes that need to be washed. This is how God saw wicked king Manasseh and the people in Jerusalem in 2 Kings 21v13. There are three things about dirty dishes that I want to leave with you to prove this to be a very good description of the sinner.

### DIRTY DISHES CANNOT CLEAN THEMSELVES.

This is also the case with the sinner. They can do nothing to take away the stains of the sin in their lives. Cleansing is only found in the precious shed blood of the Saviour (1 John 1v7).

### THE LONGER DIRTY DISHES ARE LEFT, THE HARDER THEY ARE TO CLEAN.

Not impossible, just harder. The longer a person remains in their sin, rejecting God's offer of salvation, the harder their heart will become and

the more entangled in sin they will find themselves (Proverbs 29:1).

### DIRTY DISHES NEED TO BE CLEANED PROPERLY.

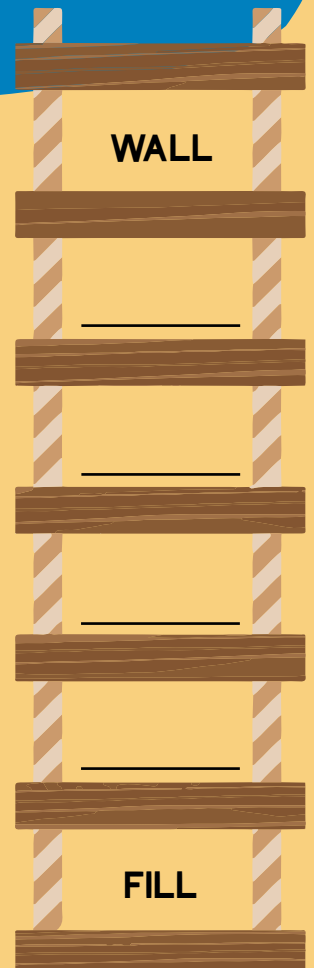
So it is with God's salvation. If ever a person is to be cleansed and made whole, it needs to be done in the manner that God has appointed and that is through the name of his own dear Son the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).

### ONE LAST THOUGHT.

God could have chosen to smash and cast these dirty dishes aside. If ever there was a person who should have been dealt with in this way, it was wicked king Manasseh. However, rather than destroy him, God having heard his prayers, in mercy cleansed him from all of his sins. I wonder do you know that same cleansing in your life today?



## WORD LADDER



Using the clues and Bible references provided, starting at the top, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing only one letter at a time. Find all four answers.

1. This was in a field (Genesis 29v2)
2. This was golden (Exodus 28v34)
3. This was found in a net (Isaiah 51v20)
4. The amount of deadly poison in the tongue (James 3v8)

## PRIZES!

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