

## “The Santayana Factor—Tales of the Kings”—IV

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### □ The Times

- Niall Ferguson: “Yet it is possible that this whole conceptual framework is, in fact, flawed. . . . What if history is not cyclical and slow moving but arrhythmic—at times almost stationary, but also capable of accelerating suddenly, like a sports car? What if collapse does not arrive over a number of centuries but comes suddenly, like a thief in the night?” (*Foreign Affairs* March/April 2010 p 22)
- “Great powers and empires are, I would suggest, complex systems made up of a very large number of interacting components that are asymmetrically organized, which means their construction more resembles a termite hill than an Egyptian pyramid. They operate somewhere between order and disorder—on ‘the edge of chaos’ . . . . A very small trigger can set off a ‘phase transition’ from benign equilibrium to a crisis—a single grain of sand causes a whole pile to collapse, or a butterfly flaps its wings in the Amazon and brings about a hurricane in southeastern England.” (Ibid.)

### □ The King

- II Chronicles 34, 35

### □ The Spiritual Leader

- Deuteronomy 17:18-20
  - Knows the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Reads the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Learns the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Practices the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Exemplifies the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- The story of Josiah makes it clear that a reformation needs a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ leader.

### □ The Reforming Leader

- #1: \_\_\_\_\_ a walk with God.
- #2: \_\_\_\_\_ the way of God.
- #3: \_\_\_\_\_ what is opposed to God.
- #4: \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - “Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His \_\_\_\_\_, and you shall \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Chronicles 20:20)
- #5: \_\_\_\_\_ the people of God.

### □ The Truth

- People will follow a leader who \_\_\_\_\_, because a leader who stands up \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Follow me!”**

Law, Word, fear, humility, obedience, reformed, reforming, Seeks, Obeys, Purges, Inquires, prophets, prophets, prosper, Reforms, stands up, stands out