# Lessons From Hezekiah

2 Kings 18:1-8

Hezekiah's father AHAZ, was a wicked king that reigned for 16 years. 2 Kings 16:1ff

- 1. "Did not do right ..."
- 2. Walked in the ways of the kings of Israel.
- 3. Made his son pass through the fire, which was an abomination of the nations. (cf. Leviticus 18:20)
- 4. Sacrificed and burnt incense to the idols.
- 5. Bought off the king of Assyria with gold & silver from the house of God.

<u>Hezekiah's son MANASSEH</u>, was a wicked king that reigned for 55 years. 2 Kings 21:1ff

- 1. "Did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah."
- 2. Built again the idolatrous places of worship (2 Kings 21:3), like Ahab did.
- 3. Made his son to pass through the fire. (2 Kings 21:6)
- 4. Seduced the people to do evil more than the nations who were destroyed before.
  - a. Punishment to be imposed. (2 Kings 21:12-13)

### NOTE:

- A wicked king can have a good son.
- A good king can have a wicked son.

Hezekiah was a good king. 2 Kings 18:4-8

- Removed the high places, idols.
- Destroyed the brazen serpent (cf. Numbers 21:8).
  Hezekiah called it "Nehushtan," a piece of brass.
- He trusted in God (2 Kings 18:5), "He trusted in Jehovah, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor (among them) that were before him."

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- He clave to the Lord.
- Did not depart from the commandments.
- "Rebelled against the king of Assyria and served him not." verse 7
- Smote the Philistines.

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#### Hezekiah was a good king. 2 Kings 20:3

Hezekiah was told to "set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live," he expresses his trust in God.

#### REMEMBER ME ...

- Walked in truth.
- With a perfect heart.
- Done that which is good in thy sight.
- Hezekiah healed and given 15 more years. As a sign time turned backward ten steps.

#### Hezekiah made mistakes.

- Tried to pay tribute to Sennacherib. cf. 2 Kings 18:14-16
- Trusted in Egypt. 2 Kings 18:21; Isaiah 30:1-3,7
- Showed the Babylonians all his house. 2 Kings 20:12-15; cf. Isaiah 39:1-8

### Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

### An evil childhood did not make Hezekiah evil.

- Looked to a good model ... David. 2 Kings 18:3
- We want to look to Christ. Hebrews 12:1; Matthew 10:34-39; Galatians 4:19

### Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

#### Had zeal to reform.

- Corrected the error. 2 Kings 18:4; Ephesians 5:11
- Removed the temptations & destroyed the monuments of idolatry. cf. Isaiah 2:8
- Repentance requires change. Matthew 6:24;
  1 Thessalonians 1:9; Acts 19:19

### Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

### Pray in time of trouble.

- Tribute to Sennacherib wouldn't help.
- Trusting Egypt wouldn't help.

### Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

### Pray in time of trouble.

- Sennacherib's letter brought temptation and discouragement. 2 Kings 19:8-37
  - Ridiculed faith in God. Verse 10
  - Arrogantly denied any help. Verses 11-13
- Note Rabshakeh's offer. 2 Kings 18:19-24
  - Forsake the king. Verse 19
  - Ridiculed faith in God. Verse 22
  - Let's make a deal. Verse 23

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### Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

#### Pray in time of trouble.

- Went up into the house of the Lord. 2 Kings 19:14-19
  - Spread the letter before the Lord. (cf. 1 Peter 5:6-7)

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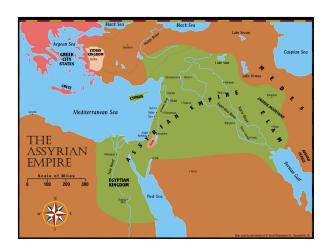
#### Pray in time of trouble.

Prayed for deliverance that, "all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art God alone." 2 Kings 19:19

### Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

### Hezekiah's prayer got results.

- People encouraged. 2 Chronicles 32:7-8
- Victory over the Assyrians. 2 Kings 19:35
- Known that Jehovah is God. cf. 2 Chronicles 32:21; 2 Kings 19:19



## Lessons To Be Learned From Hezekiah

#### Conclusion:

- Hezekiah, good king who made some mistakes.cf. Philippians 3:13
- Take our worries and spread them before the Lord. 1 Peter 5:7
- Pray fervently. James 5:16
- Trust God. 2 Kings 18:5; *Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, And lean not upon thine own understanding."*
- Nothing is too hard for God.
  - Just as he provided deliverance for Jerusalem ... slew 185,000
  - He provides spiritual deliverance from sin ... Romans 5:6-11

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