

LIFE-Groups

Week #10—Prayer to Pride

Isaiah 38:1-39:8

As Isaiah writes Chapter 38:1, he informs us that Hezekiah has become sick unto the point of death. If that isn't bad enough, Isaiah tells him that it's time to "set your house in order, because you are going to die." Now we all know that there isn't a time of prayer, like the prayers offered when someone is facing death! So Hezekiah "prayed to the Lord" and God answered his prayer and extended his life for 15 more years.

Hezekiah's Problem—As Hezekiah praises God following his healing we gain some insight into his prayer before his healing. Why did Hezekiah weep bitterly when he prayed?

Read Isaiah 38:10-14—Why was Hezekiah so heartbroken over his death?

Vs 15-20—What were some of the benefits of facing his death?

When was a time that you faced the death of love one?

What were your prayers at that time?

God's Promises—What were the promises that God gave to Hezekiah?

What was the basis for Hezekiah's requests when he prayed? Vs 2,3

What was the basis of God's answer? Vs 5,6; 15-20

Why did God give a sign to Hezekiah about his healing?
See 2 Kings 20:1-11

What did the figs have to do with his healing?

Was it Hezekiah's prayer that moved God to heal him or did God already have it mind to heal him anyway?

How does this show the effect of prayer on the sovereignty of God?

How would you live differently if you knew that you had 15 more years to live?

Hezekiah's Pride: What caused Hezekiah's downfall at the end of his life?

Read Isaiah 39:1-8— What did Hezekiah do to cause God's curse to be upon his grandchildren?

Why was that such a big problem?

NOTICE 38:15—had Hezekiah forgotten what he wrote?

Hezekiah's Response: How do you feel about the response that Hezekiah gave in 39:8?

Why was it Good?

Were his thoughts only about himself?

What lessons can you learn from Hezekiah's prayer & pride?