



# The Prophets & Kings

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To Zedekiah

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A  
Daily Devotional  
Study Guide

Week 29

## “Wings As Eagles”

**Study:** Isaiah 40:27-31

**Reading:** Romans 8:31-39, Psalm 139:1-24

**Memory:** Romans 8:11

### What Does the Bible Say?

Isaiah had just finished describing how God knew every one of the stars by name and then he asked a very pointed question. This wasn't really a question, but more of a point that he was attempting to make. He wanted the Israelites to realize that nothing they were doing is hidden from the sight of God. God sees and knows everything that happens. It appears that there were some people who thought they could sin and God wouldn't notice while it appears that others had thought that God had forgotten them. The ESV translates the end of verse 27 by declaring “My right is disregarded by my God.” This verse seems to indicate that their rights had been violated by ungodly men which caused them to come to the conclusion that God had forgotten about them in their time of need (vs 27).

Isaiah then asked more questions in an attempt to prove to the Israelites that God will never fail them. He stated that God was an everlasting God which meant that he would never stop being their God. He was not a seasonal God or temporary God, but He was their God forever. He was the One who had created them and everything they had around them. He existed far before they were alive and would continue well after they were gone. God would not faint or grow tired as humans do, yet it is vital to understand that His ways can not be fully known. Often when people get upset or down on God it is because God is not doing things their way, yet His understanding of your situation is so great He is doing things for you that will turn out far better than you could ever imagine (vs 28).

He does not keep all of that power to Himself, but passes it on to those who have grown tired and weary. He does not always take away all of your problems, but will give you the strength to handle them and fight through them. Even children with all of their energy and excitement will get tired and young men and women who can keep going and going will eventually wear out and get tired (vs 29-30).

Then, in a tremendous promise given by God to all His followers we

are told that God will give us all the strength that we need. When we choose to wait on Him, He renews our strength. The idea of waiting on God is one of trusting and serving. We “wait” in Him like a “waiter” in a restaurant by waiting for His commands and then doing what He says. This involves you choosing not to do things in your own power and strength, but to wait on Him.

To illustrate this strength, Isaiah said that those who trust in God will be like the powerful eagle taking flight and soaring through the sky. We will be able to run the race of life without getting tired and having to stop.

The emphasis here is the contrast between doing things in our own power and strength which makes us weary and tired and trusting in God who gives energy that never runs out (vs 31).

## **How Does this Apply to Me?**

Do you find comfort in the fact that God knows everything? Isaiah 40 is like a powerful song which builds and builds for the grand finale. That chapter described the greatness of God and how wonderful God is and closes the powerful reminder that when you trust Him, He will use that power and wisdom to help you and to guide you. The instruction that is given for you to follow is to wait on the Lord. Sometimes this seems too simplistic, and in reality it is simple. We as people often make it very complicated. Instead of trusting and waiting on God we trust in our own wisdom and understanding. When you look to God, He will give you the strength that you need in this life. You don’t have to live weary and worn down because He is on your side and His strength never fails. You can’t do it on your own, but with His power and strength, you can!

## **Suggestions for Prayer**

- \* *Thank God for the encouragement found in His Word.*
- \* *Ask God to help you learn what it means to wait on Him.*
- \* *Praise God because He does not tire or grow weary.*

## **Thought for the day**

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What two names did Isaiah use in verse 27?

Why do you think Isaiah used both those names (vs 27)?

How can the thought that God sees everything be both positive and negative?

Why do you think the Israelites felt that God had abandoned them (vs 27)?

Describe a time in your life where you have felt abandoned by God?

How did you find out that you were never abandoned? What did you learn from this experience?

Why do you think Isaiah described God as everlasting (vs 28)?

Why is it so important to believe that God is the Creator (vs 28)?

What does God not do (vs 28)?

Why is it vital to realize that you can’t understand the way of God (vs 28)?

What does God do for those who grow tired (vs 29)?

Why is this such a comforting realization?

Who does Isaiah use as an example of people who can get tired (vs 30)?

What point do you think He was emphasizing?

What does it mean to wait on the Lord (vs 31)?

What happens when we wait on the Lord?

Describe in your own words what the end of verse 31 means.

# “Trusting In A Failure”

**Study:** Isaiah 20:1-6

**Reading:** Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 3:1-12

**Memory:** Romans 8:11

If you go to a lumberyard to pick up 2x4's, you'll find a handful of 2x4's set off to the side. These are two by fours that other people have looked at and realized that they weren't straight. For some uses, these might be ok, but if you are attempting to build a wall, it is very important that you use straight studs. A stud that bows, causes the wall to stick out. This will create many problems, and will not lead to a good end result in new construction.

Today we are going to see how trusting in something that is bent or broken is not a good thing. The people of Judah were given a lesson not to trust in the nations around them, but to put their trust in God.

## What Does the Bible Say?

After Hezekiah had prayed for and was granted healing and also promised deliverance from the Assyrians, God still allowed the Assyrians to advance. Sargon II, who was king of Assyria from 722-705 B.C., sent his commander to attack Ashdod. Some Bible versions use the Hebrew word “Tartan” which was probably not a name but the reference to the position of the captain of the army. Ashdod was one of the major Philistine cities located along the Mediterranean sea southwest of Jerusalem (vs 1).

It was at that time that God called Isaiah to take off the sackcloth from around his waist and to remove his sandals so that he would walk around naked. Most likely, he wasn't completely naked, but it would be compared to us walking around in our underwear today. The sackcloth that he was wearing was a symbol of mourning and walking around in his undergarments was a symbol of great humiliation and disgrace. Many times when an opposing army would conquer a nation, they would strip down the captives to humiliate them (vs 2)?

This was not just a one day thing for Isaiah, but he was supposed to walk around this way for three years. God wanted Isaiah to do this to be a sign to the people of Egypt and Cush (a country near Egypt). Egypt and

Cush were superpowers of the day, but they would not be able to stand against the power of Assyria. Assyria would conquer and humiliate the land. Many times, the Israelites and other nations like the Philistines would request help from this region to deliver them from opposing armies. This prophecy indicated to Judah that they would not be able to rely on any but God to deliver them from the Assyrians (vs 3-5).

The Philistines (inhabitants of the coastland) would realize that their trust in nations like Egypt was futile. They would realize there was no escape from Assyria. Ultimately, this was given to be a message to Judah to realize that God was their only hope for deliverance (vs 6).

## How Does this Apply to Me?

What do you place your trust in? Do you trust in your money, your influence, your earthly abilities, your family heritage, or the brains that you think you have? There are many things that we can trust in instead of trusting in God. When we rely on these things, they may seem to bring temporary fulfillment, but the end result will still be failure. Trusting in God is the only way to truly be successful in life. Maybe in this earthly life you can be successful in the eyes of people, but when it comes to eternity, trusting in God is the only way to go. It is very easy to get sidetracked by the things of this world, rather than to simply trust in God. This is especially true when things don't go the way you want or you have a set plan that is not God's plan. Choose to submit yourself to God's plan and trust in him and you will find success.

## Suggestions for Prayer

- \* *Thank God for giving you examples of His faithfulness.*
- \* *Ask God to help you trust in Him rather than the things of this world.*
- \* *Praise God because He can always be trusted.*

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Who was sent to Ashdod (vs 1)?

Where was Ashdod located (vs 1)?

What happened to Ashdod (v 1)?

What do you know about Ashdod?

*\*\*\*This was one of the most powerful cities of the Philistines and yet it was no match for the power of the Assyrian army.*

Why would this have been a big deal for the people of Judah?

What did God tell Amoz to do (vs 2)?

Why do you think Isaiah was willing to obey this command?

*\*\*\*Some of the prophets, Isaiah and Ezekiel in particular, were asked to do some very odd things. God used these strange things as visual illustrations to prove points to the Israelites. They were meant to be very vivid illustrations and continual reminders to the people of the land.*

Where were Egypt and Cush (vs 3)?

What sign was God revealing through Isaiah (vs 3-4)?

Why do you think many nations trusted in the power of Egypt?

What was going to be the response of the surrounding nations when Egypt was captured (vs 5)?

Why would they respond this way?

How would this leave the other nations feeling (vs 6)?

Why is the feeling of hopelessness so hard to deal with?

Why should you never feel hopeless?

## ***“Pride Comes Before a Fall”***

**Study:** Isaiah 39:1-8, 2 Kings 20:12-19

**Reading:** Luke 12:13-21, Proverbs 16:18-19

**Memory:** Romans 8:11

**O**ccasionally I will see news reports of people who buy a brand new \$100,000 plus sports car and wreck it the first time out. It is amazing to think that something of such great value can be gone in an instant and become a useless pile of metal. I am sure when those people bought those cars they had plenty of plans and hopes of being the envy of others for years to come, only to become almost a tragic laughing stock because of the wasted money.

Today, we are going to see how Hezekiah was so proud of his riches, but was reminded that these riches would not last.

### **What Does the Bible Say?**

Sometime after it was reported that Hezekiah was extremely sick and had recovered, the king of Babylon sent a group of messengers to Hezekiah with a present to him. At that time, Babylon was not a world power but was a small nation located hundreds of miles from Jerusalem. It is unclear why the Merodach-baladan, the king of Babylon did this, but most likely it was a peace gesture knowing that they had a mutual enemy in the Assyrians (2 Ki 20:12, Is 39:1).

Hezekiah appears to have been thrilled with the visitors and out of his excitement he showed them all of the treasure that Jerusalem had accumulated over the years. This was not a quick glance or an overview, but Hezekiah gave them a detailed tour of all the treasures God had blessed them with. Perhaps Hezekiah did this to show the Babylonians that they had adequate fund to partner together to fight the Assyrians or perhaps it was just out of pride. Most likely, Hezekiah didn't think anything about the Babylonians invading them one day for this treasure since Babylon was so far away. Up to this point in history, there had never been a “world power.” Assyria was starting towards that direction, but they were still a regional power. Hezekiah had no fear of a Babylonian invasion since the country was simply too far away from Israel (2 Ki 20:13, Is 39:2).

Isaiah visited Hezekiah after the envoy from Babylon left and asked

him what the men had to say and where they had come from. In the conversation, Isaiah also asked them what Hezekiah had shown them. Hezekiah responded by telling Isaiah that he had shown them every bit of treasure the people of Judah had accumulated. Though we can't be certain, from this response it appears that Hezekiah stated this out of pride, like someone showing off a fancy new sports car (2 Ki 20:14-15, Is 39:3-4).

Isaiah wasn't as thrilled about this as Hezekiah was. He predicted that the day was coming when all their treasure would be carried off by the Babylonians. Not a tiny bit of their treasure would be left. Not only would their treasure be taken, but some of the sons of Israel would be taken as well. Even some of the sons of the king (descendants) would be taken captive and forced to serve the king of Babylon (2 Ki 20:16-18, Is 39:5-7).

Though this was devastating news, apparently Hezekiah didn't think it was that bad. He was relieved to hear that this event would not happen until well after he was dead so he wouldn't have to experience the tragedy. It is unclear if Hezekiah was just looking for the bright spot in all of the negative news or if he was simply being selfish, not caring about the generation that came after him (2 Ki 20:19, Is 39:8)

## **How Does this Apply to Me?**

What do you choose to glory in? Hezekiah appeared to be extremely proud of all the earthly treasures he had gained, but failed to realize that all these treasures would one day be gone. Scripture does not say if Hezekiah was right or wrong in his actions, but from the response of Isaiah, it appears that Hezekiah had done the wrong thing by revealing all of the treasures to Babylon. Most likely, the messengers reported back to Babylon and it was written down somewhere. This could have been a great catalyst for the eventual Babylonian invasion. Whatever the case, it appears that Hezekiah was very proud of his earthly possessions, but this pride eventually led to a great downfall.

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2 Kings 20

Who came to visit Judah (vs 12)?

Why did they come to visit (vs 12)?

How did Hezekiah treat them when they arrived (vs 13)?

What did Hezekiah show them (vs 13)?

What does this reveal about the wealth that Hezekiah had accumulated?

Why do you think that Hezekiah showed them all that he had (vs 13)?

Describe a time in your life where you have been thrilled to show off something of yours?

Do you think this was out of pride or gratefulness?

*\*\*\*It is wonderful to show others how grateful we are to God for what He has given us, but at the same time, it is easy for the gratefulness to cross the line and become pride.*

What did Isaiah want to know (vs 14)?

What did Hezekiah say he had shown the men (vs 15)?

What did Isaiah say was coming (vs 16-17)?

What was going to be left in Jerusalem (vs 17)?

Who was going to be taken captive to Babylon (vs 18)?

When was this prophecy fulfilled?

How did Hezekiah respond (vs 19)?

Why do you think he responded this way?

# “The Fall Predicted”

**Study:** 2 Chronicles 32:31 Isaiah 20:1-6

**Reading:** Daniel 5:1-31

**Memory:** Romans 8:11

## What Does the Bible Say?

We read yesterday how Hezekiah showed messengers from Babylon the great wealth that he had accumulated. When the writer of Chronicles was summing up the life of Hezekiah, he mentioned how God had sent these men so that he could try Hezekiah to see what was in Hezekiah’s heart. This is a concept that is mentioned a few times in Scripture. This is a little puzzling to think about, as it appears that God is wondering what is in the heart of a man so he sends something or someone to test this. Yet, Scripture tells us in many places that God knows what we are thinking and what is in our heart. A better way to understand this is that God sends things into our lives to test us to reveal to us what is truly in our hearts. Though Hezekiah was never rebuked fully for showing the treasure to the Babylonians, the response of Isaiah to this and the fact that it is mentioned here seems to indicate that Hezekiah’s heart had become more selfish and full of pride later in his life. It appears that he began to think that all that God had blessed him with was a result of his power, forgetting that it was God who gave it to him (2 Chronicles 32:31).

As has been mentioned before, it is difficult to place all the prophecies chronologically among the historical events that took place. For this devotional book, I have decided to follow the Reese Chronological Bible. The author places chapter 21 of Isaiah right after Hezekiah showed off his riches to Babylon. This is a prediction of the fall of Babylon.

Isaiah told Hezekiah that Babylon would carry many Israelites away along with all the wealth of Judah, but this doesn’t mean that Babylon would be without punishment. This is an oracle towards Babylon and how the Medes and Persians would invade and destroy the Babylonian empire. The nations that was once the destroyer would be destroyed and all the pain and misery that the nation of Babylon had caused would come to an end. This was not going to be a kind take over, but the Medes and Persians would be ruthless when they attacked. The vision that Isaiah had was so gory that he described how he had become sick and faint

when the sights of what was going to happen were revealed to him (Is 21:2-4).

Isaiah saw the Babylonians preparing for a great feast, unaware of the attack that was about to come upon them. This event was recorded in Daniel 5 when the Babylonian king Belshazzar threw a feast on the very night that the Medes and Persians invaded Babylon (Is 22:5).

Isaiah then pictured a watchman waiting for news of how the battle was going. A watchman would stand on top of the city walls watching out for attacking enemies and for messengers bearing news. The picture presented here is of a watchman who performed his duty night after night without seeing anything. He would eventually see a pair of horses which indicated to him that the great nation of Babylon had fallen. The nation which would cause so much destruction to Israel, would now be the nation that was destroyed. The book of Revelations also compared the fall of Babylon to the fall of the wicked system of the world when Jesus returns to be a victorious conquerer (Is 22:6-10).

## How Does this Apply to Me?

One of the concepts that is very prevalent throughout Scripture and especially in prophecy is that of God’s control over the world. It appears that Hezekiah began to think that his riches were great and that the changes he made to Jerusalem would keep it from falling, but the Babylonians would conquer Israel. The Babylonians thought they were a great world power who could not fall only to be quickly and chaotically destroyed by the Persians. These passages remind us that God is the one who is ultimately in control and that is why it is so important to humble yourself before Him and submit to Him. When you begin to think you are something in your own power and strength, you better beware because Scripture makes it clear that God hates pride. Choose today to humble yourself, submit to Him and realize that He is the source of all that you have.

## Suggestions for Prayer

\* *Thank God because He is your source of power and wisdom.*

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2 Chronicles 32:31

Why do you think that God sent the Babylonians to Hezekiah?

What are ways that God may send tests into your life?

Isaiah 21

What did Isaiah compare the disaster to (vs 1)?

*\*\*\*The Negev was a reference to the desert that was located to the south of Israel. When the wind came from the south it would bring up dry, scorching weather that was often full of dust and sand.*

What was going to happen to the betrayer (vs 2)?

Who was going to attack (vs 2)?

What was going to be the end result (vs 2)?

How did Isaiah feel watching this vision (vs 3)?

What did the terror of this vision do to Isaiah (vs 4)?

What were the Babylonians preparing (vs 5)?

What does this indicate about their pride?

*\*\*\*It appears that they thought they could not be conquered.*

What did God tell Isaiah to do (vs 6)? Why?

What was he to look for (vs 7)?

What had the watchman repeatedly done (vs 8)? What does this indicate?

*\*\*\*The fact that the watchman looked day after day seems to indicate that the Israelites were waiting for God to keep His Word and fulfill His promises to them.*

What did the watchman see (vs 9)? What did this reveal (vs 9-10)?

## “Short Lived Freedom”

**Study:** Isaiah 21:11-17

**Reading:** John 8:31-38, Jeremiah 49:28-33

**Memory:** Romans 8:11

One of the things that I love to do most in the summer time is take my boat out on the lake, anchor it somewhere and lay out in the sun. I normally take my boat out on Crystal Lake which is a large, beautiful lake, but the biggest problem with Crystal Lake is that it is often quite windy and wavy in the middle of the day. In fact, when early explorers came through the area they originally called it “Wave Lake.” There are times where I will throw my anchor in at a calm spot, lay down in the sun and then a short while later find that the wind and waves have pushed me out into more windy and wavy spots. I will start the boat, drive back into shore and repeat the process. I will do this a few times until I finally decided go close to the shore, hop in the water and push my anchor into the sand so that I will stay in one spot. Once I have my anchor securely fastened in the proper place, I no longer have to worry about drifting.

Today, we are going to see how involvement in the world’s system often cycles people from one difficulty to another. When we choose to put our trust in God, He will be our anchor to keep us from this cycle.

### What Does the Bible Say?

Isaiah continued the imagery of a watchman who was waiting to hear about the fate of Babylon. Verse 11 referenced the nation of Edom (Dumah) which was located to the south east of Israel. The prophecy pictures a man calling out to the watchman asking him how long until the sun will rise and morning will come. The watchman simply replied that the night would soon be over, but the daylight would only last a short period of time before the night came again. The meaning of this is not fully clear but it seems to indicate that Edom was wondering how long until the oppression of the Assyrians would end (the night ending) and the news was that it would end soon. Yet, this news was not a reason for rejoicing because the Babylonians would soon come and place them under oppression again (the night coming quickly). This prophecy was fulfilled and is Edom’s freedom was short lived (vs 11-12).

The next message was about Arabia. Specifically, it was given to the Dedanites who were a tribe from southern Arabia. Verse 13 makes it sound like they will be hiding in a great forest, but it is probably better understood that they would hide in the desert bushes. They would be hiding to avoid destruction from the Assyrians, but they would also be flooded with refugees from many other countries who were trying to escape the great destruction of their nations. Those of Arabia would do their best to help these refugees with food and water, hoping to strengthen their ability to withstand any attacks that may come (vs 13-15).

This judgement was coming soon. Isaiah declared that this would happen within a year. He mentioned that Kedar, a region in Arabia, would fail to be a glorious place. Their once mighty warriors who were known for their mastery of the bow would not be a match for the opposing army. There would only be a few of them left and the nation would suffer great humiliation (vs 16-17).

### **How Does this Apply to Me?**

When the Edomites were calling out to see how long it would be until they experienced freedom again, they were greatly disappointed to find out that their freedom would be short lived. This is a great picture of what the world has to offer. So many people find themselves trapped under the sin of the world and negative circumstances and seek a way out or for something different to take place. Something often does happen, yet their freedom is short lived because they are overtaken by another problem, addiction or difficulty. The only true way out of the problem is to turn to God for help or deliverance. The nation of Israel did experience deliverance at times, but often faced the same consequences as the world around them because they failed to look to God. Applying this to your life today is not a far stretch. When you trust in yourself or look to the things of the world, you will often find yourself trapped in sin or going from one addiction to another. When you call to God for help and trust Him, He will deliver you and keep you from this negative cycle. Choose today to turn to God for help in and through all circumstances.

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What was the person asking the watchman (vs 11)?

What was a watchman?

Why did the watchman say that morning and night were coming (vs 12)?

Describe how you have found yourself in a situation where it seemed like there was no deliverance?

How did you make it out?

Who was the oracle in verse 13 directed to?

Why would the Arabian be hiding (vs 13)?

Who were the Arabians going to provide water for (vs 14)?

Why would these fugitives be there (vs 15)?

Who was going to do the attacking?

*\*\*\*Most likely this is the account of the Assyrians attacking since it says "within a year" (vs 16). Though if you do the extra reading today in Jeremiah, you will also see that the Babylonians attacked this region as well.*

What will come to an end (vs 16)?

What does this reveal about earthly glory (vs 16)?

What was going to happen to the mighty men of Kedar (vs 17)?

What does this reveal about earthly strength and power (vs 17)?

With so many references in the Bible describing how God is in control and that we can only trust in Him for help and deliverance, why do you think it is so easy for us as people to trust in ourselves?



# “Praise God Today”

**Study:** Isaiah 38:9-20

**Reading:** Psalm 27:1-13

**Memory:** Romans 8:11

One of my favorite television shows is Little House on the Prairie. I remember bits and pieces of many episodes and the reading today brought one to my mind. In one of the episodes, an elderly woman felt underappreciated and unloved by her family so she faked her own death. Friends and relatives gathered together for her funeral and began to talk about what a wonderful person she was. Near the end of the funeral she made her presence known and pointed out that she would much rather hear those things while she was alive than to wait until she was dead and couldn't hear them.

Today, we are going to see how Hezekiah wanted to praise God while he was alive because once he was dead, he would no longer be able to praise God to his fellow men. We will be reminded of the importance of exalting God today while we still have breath in our lungs.

## What Does the Bible Say?

After he recovered completely from his illness as God had promised, Hezekiah took time to write about his experience. He described how he felt that his life was going to be taken way too early and that instead of living, he was going to spend the rest of the time that he should have been alive in the grave. He was saddened by the fact that he would no longer be able to see God working in the “land of the living” and that he would no longer be able to dwell among his fellow man (vs 8-11).

Hezekiah compared his early, untimely death to that of the moving of a shepherd's tent. His life would be moved off the earth instead of staying put like a permanent dwelling. He also compared his life to a rug that was cut off a weaver's loom because it was now finished. The one illustration of the tent indicated the temporary part of life while the last illustration was more of the permanence of death (vs 12).

Hezekiah had a hard time shaking the thoughts of his certain death. He would try to calm himself, but felt like he was being crushed under the weight of his life ending. He compared this feeling to a person who is being ripped apart by a lion on a continual basis (vs 13).

Continuing with the natural illustrations, Hezekiah described how he made continual sounds from his pain and distress, like birds that make continual chirping noises. He was looking to heaven for help, but seemed to get no relief and felt himself getting tired of asking for help. Hezekiah felt as if God had made up His mind to remove him from the earth and that nothing could be done. He was slowly wasting away physically and his soul was not fairing much better (vs 14-15).

Verse 16 seems to be a transition in the thinking of Hezekiah as he recognized that God did not cause this sickness for harm, but it was for the good of Hezekiah. His pain and suffering had a purpose and God taught him some valuable lessons during that time. Hezekiah also understood that it was the love of God that reached down, answered his prayer and delivered him from death. Hezekiah also mentioned how God had cast his sins away indicating he felt that some of this sickness was a result of his sin (vs 16-17).

He was going to praise God while he was alive because he knew he could not praise God from the grave. He was going to do his best to thank and praise God each day, letting others know about the faithfulness of God. God has saved him and he wanted to sing about that deliverance for the rest of his days (vs 18-20).

## How Does this Apply to Me?

Are you taking time to praise God for the life you have today? You never know when your life will be over and once you are gone, you will not be able to praise and thank Him. Even when you are going through trials and difficulties like Hezekiah was, it is good to realize that God will bring good out of those things. There may be times where it feels like God does not hear you, but rest assured that He is listening and wants to bring healing to your soul. Hezekiah recognized the great goodness of God and realized that he had little control over whether he lived or died. Through the anguish and suffering, God brought about great victory and He can do the same for you today. Choose to trust Him and praise Him no matter what life throws at you.

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When did Hezekiah write this (vs 9)?

What do you think Hezekiah meant by stating he was in the “middle of his days” (vs 10 - ESV)?

Where did he think he would spend the rest of his life that he thought he should still be alive for (vs 10)?

What realization did Hezekiah come to (vs 11)?

What two things did Hezekiah compare his life to (vs 12)? Why?

What emotions was Hezekiah experiencing during this time (vs 13)?

What three birds did Hezekiah compare himself to (vs 14)?

What was his point (vs 14)?

What did Hezekiah realize about God’s control (vs 15)?

What did Hezekiah ask for (vs 16)?

What did Hezekiah realize about his illness (vs 17)?

How have you seen God bring difficult things into your life for your good?

What point was Hezekiah making in verse 18?

What should you do while you are living (vs 19)?

Describe how you have declared praise and thankfulness to God in this past week?

What did Hezekiah do as a result of the salvation he experienced (vs 20)?

How can you do the same?

*Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.*