

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.

Hezekiah's son MANASSEH, 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."*

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

- 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.

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.

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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

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



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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