

Isaiah 38:1-21
Hezekiah's serious illness & His Humble Reaction

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Section Verse: "The Lord will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord." (38:20)

Theme: -- This chapter, embedded within the historical interlude of chapters 36-39, is a crisis behind the crisis. It presents Hezekiah both in a positive and negative light. On the one hand, he is still the Hezekiah who **humbly** submits to his Lord and trusts Him completely. But on the other hand, he is the **prideful** Hezekiah who is painfully human. This man might be given fifteen years by God's grace, but he is only a righteous, fallible man and definitely not the promised Messiah predicted by the prophet Isaiah.

Memory Verse: "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)

Introduction:

Several questions to ask the text: _____

In those days: _____

Why the historical interlude? _____

I. Hezekiah's Predicament (38:1)

- A – Set your house in order
- B – Difference between a decree and an intention
- C - Actual time and place of his death is not revealed by God

II. Hezekiah's Petition (38:2-3)

- A – Turned his face to the wall
- B – Reminded God of his obedient heart - walked before God in truth – walked with an undivided heart
- C – Steadfast desire to please the Lord

III. God's Pardon (38:4-8)

- A – Immediacy of God's response
- B – Reminder that Hezekiah is leader of Judah
- C – Predicated on God receiving the glory and honor
- D – Hezekiah requested the sign to confirm the promise of the Lord's healing

IV. Hezekiah's Praise (38:9-20)

- A – LORD is mentioned 13 times in this chapter alone – He is our Sovereign Ruler
- B – Yahweh Himself was Hezekiah's **ONLY** hope and guarantee
- C- Lord's power is made perfect in weakness

V. Implications:

- How confident are we of God's hand in our circumstances when things remain "humanly" unfixed? How do we react once the "shock factor" of that unwelcomed news sinks in to our soul?

- Hezekiah is so overwhelmed with gratitude that he pledges to God to be thankful and express that thankfulness for the remaining years of his life. How do you express your gratitude to your Savior for your salvation and the many blessings He accomplishes in your life from day-to-day?

- Don't neglect the privilege we have as believers as we are entrusted with the same mandate to tell this generation about God's faithfulness especially when we see "His Hand" working in the midst of our life.