

HEZEKIAH – BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR

2 Chronicles 32:24-31

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Background:

From the prophet's perspective: 2 Kings 18:2-7

From the priest's perspective: 2 Chronicles 29:3-11

2 Chronicles 30:1-5

2 Chronicles 31:20-21

2 Chronicles 32:24-33

1. Fear of Death – God answers prayer – Hezekiah prayed & God answered

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2 Kings 20: 1-3 (Isaiah 38:1-3)

Hebrews 2:14-15 – ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Philippians 1:23 - I desire to depart & be with Christ

2 Chronicles 16:12

2. Fear of Sin – Be Careful what you pray for – The answer Hezekiah requested & received was probably not the best for him.

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vv. 30b-31

2 Kings 20:12-18 (Isa. 39:1-8)

Mark 10:35-40

1 Samuel 8

Lk 22:42

3. Fear of God – It's never too late to repent. – Hezekiah repented & God spared him the worst.

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2 Chronicles 33

In all unbelief there are these two things: a good opinion of one's self and a bad opinion of God. Horatius Bonar

A Truth to Remember: God wants us to trust Him enough to ask Him for whatever we want and then to believe that He will give us what is best.

A Challenge to Consider: Are you willing to tell God that you want HIS will, even if it is different from what SEEMS best, even if it means pain, for a time?

One thing I heard this morning was...

Next Week: EZRA THE PRIEST (Ezra 7:1-10)