

Wholehearted Trust in the Lord

Key Verse:

"He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him." — 2 Kings 18:5 (NKJV)

Hezekiah: A Breath of Fresh Air in Judah's History

After the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel, we shift our attention back to the southern kingdom of Judah. There we meet Hezekiah, one of the few godly kings who made it his mission to bring spiritual renewal to the people.

He was only twenty-five years old when he took the throne, but he was wise beyond his years. Unlike so many before him, *he did what was right in the sight of the Lord* (2 Kings 18:3). He didn't just talk about revival—he acted on it. He tore down the pagan altars, smashed the sacred pillars, and even destroyed the bronze serpent that Moses had made centuries earlier because people had turned it into an idol. He called it *Nehushtan*, which simply means *"a piece of brass."*

Personal Application: What's Your Nehushtan?

What was once a tool for healing had become an object of worship. The people had turned something symbolic into something sacred—and it became a stumbling block.

We do the same. We elevate things—places, traditions, objects—and give them spiritual weight they were never meant to carry. A certain song, a specific seat in church, a routine, or even a good memory can become our Nehushtan if we're not careful.

Ask yourself:

- What "things" have I given too much spiritual importance to?
- Is there anything I'm holding onto that needs to be broken because it's distracting me from God?

Hezekiah didn't hesitate. He broke the idol in pieces. That's how we should treat anything that pulls our attention from Jesus.

Wholehearted Trust Leads to Real Strength

Hezekiah didn't just reform the kingdom; he reformed his heart. He *trusted* in the Lord, *clung* to the Lord, and *obeyed* His commands. Because of that, **God was with him, and he prospered** (2 Kings 18:7).

God's blessing isn't random—it follows relationship. He promises to be with those who are with Him (2 Chronicles 15:2). When we draw near to God, He draws near to us (James 4:8).

When Opposition Comes

Even though Hezekiah walked faithfully with God, he still faced huge opposition. The Assyrian army surrounded Judah. Their king, Sennacherib, sent messengers to intimidate and humiliate Judah's people.

The enemy's message was clear: *"You can't trust God to deliver you. Just give up."*

Sound familiar?

- The enemy still whispers lies: *"Why are you trusting God? Look at your problems. You're alone. You'll lose."*
- He mocks our faith and tries to convince us that God won't come through.

But Hezekiah didn't respond out of fear—he sought God's voice. He sent word to Isaiah the prophet, refusing to make decisions without God's guidance. What a lesson for us today!

Personal Reflection:

- Am I clinging to the Lord in hard times—or clinging to fear?
- When threats come, do I react or do I seek God's direction first?
- How do I respond when my faith is mocked or challenged?

The Wisdom of Silence

When the enemy mocked and threatened them, Hezekiah commanded the people, *"Do not answer him."* (2 Kings 18:36). Sometimes the wisest thing we can do is stay silent and seek the Lord rather than arguing with the enemy.

Not every attack requires a reaction—some just require faith, stillness, and prayer.

"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." — Exodus 14:14 (NKJV)

Prayer

Lord, help me be like Hezekiah—to trust You fully, obey You completely, and cling to You constantly. Help me tear down every idol in my heart and place You at the center of everything. When the enemy comes with fear and intimidation, help me to stay still, seek You, and remember You are my defender. Amen.

Personal Challenge

- Identify a "Nehushtan" in your life—something good that's become a spiritual distraction—and surrender it to God.
- Take a situation you're facing and bring it directly to the Lord before reacting.
- Spend time reading Isaiah 36–39 for more context on Hezekiah's story, and allow God to grow your trust through His Word.

Trusting God isn't a one-time decision—it's a daily surrender. Like Hezekiah, may we live with wholehearted devotion and fearless faith.