

Set Your House in Order

1. When God Says “Get Ready”

“In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet... said to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’”

— 2 Kings 20:1 NKJV

Imagine receiving a word like that—straight from the Lord. It’s a sobering message: *“Get your affairs in order. Your time is up.”* Hezekiah was king, a godly man, but even he wasn’t immune to the reality of death.

Personal Application:

We all need to hear this: *“Set your house in order.”* Not just financially or practically—but spiritually. If God were to call you home today, would your house—your heart, your relationships, your priorities—be in order? Don’t wait for a crisis to start getting serious about what matters most.

2. God Hears Honest, Tearful Prayers

“Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord... and wept bitterly.”

— 2 Kings 20:2-3 NKJV

Hezekiah didn’t argue. He didn’t blame anyone. He turned his face to the wall—away from distractions—and poured his heart out to God. He reminded the Lord of how he had tried to walk faithfully. And he wept.

“I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you.”

— 2 Kings 20:5 NKJV

God stopped Isaiah mid-exit and sent him back with a new word: *“I’ve heard you. I’ve seen your tears. I will heal you.”*

Personal Application:

God sees your tears too. He listens when you pray in private—when the walls hear your sobs and no one else knows the weight you’re carrying. You’re never too far gone to cry out for mercy. And sometimes, God changes things because you prayed.

3. God Is Bigger Than the Impossible

Hezekiah asked for a sign that his healing would really happen. Isaiah offered a miraculous choice: Should the sun move forward ten degrees or backward?

“Let the shadow go backward ten degrees.”

— 2 Kings 20:10 NKJV

So God did it. The shadow moved backward on the sundial—a supernatural sign to confirm a supernatural healing.

Personal Application:

Do you believe God is big enough to handle your situation? If He can move the sun, He can certainly move in your life. Don't approach Him with small faith. Remember who you're praying to—the Creator of heaven and earth.

4. Be Careful What You Show Off

After recovering, Hezekiah received visitors from Babylon. Instead of using it as a moment to glorify God, he used it to show off.

“So Hezekiah showed them all the house of his treasures... There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.”

— 2 Kings 20:13 NKJV

Isaiah confronted him. *“What did you show them?”* When Hezekiah admitted he'd shown them everything, Isaiah warned that one day those treasures—and even some of Hezekiah's descendants—would be taken away to Babylon.

“So Hezekiah said... ‘The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!’ For he said, ‘Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?’” — 2 Kings 20:19 NKJV

Personal Application:

It's easy to slip into pride, especially after a victory or blessing. Be careful not to showcase your success for your own glory. And beware of short-sighted thinking—our choices today can affect generations to come. Hezekiah was content as long as judgment didn't fall in *his* lifetime. Are we thinking beyond ourselves?

5. Leave a Legacy That Points to God

“Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah—all his might, and how he made a pool and a tunnel and brought water into the city—are they not written...?” — 2 Kings 20:20 NKJV

Hezekiah did great things—he even built a water tunnel that still exists today. But his greatest legacy wasn't a tunnel or treasure—it was a life that, despite its flaws, kept turning back to God.

Personal Application:

What legacy are you leaving? Are you building tunnels that only last a generation, or a testimony that points others to God long after you're gone?

Final Takeaway

Hezekiah's story is real, raw, and relatable. He faced death, cried out to God, received healing, made some proud decisions, and left a mixed legacy.

But through it all, God was present, merciful, and faithful.

So today, if you're sick, overwhelmed, or facing an uncertain future—turn your face to God and pray. God hears your prayer and sees your tears, **He can still heal, restore, and use your life for His glory.**

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” — Psalm 90:12 NKJV