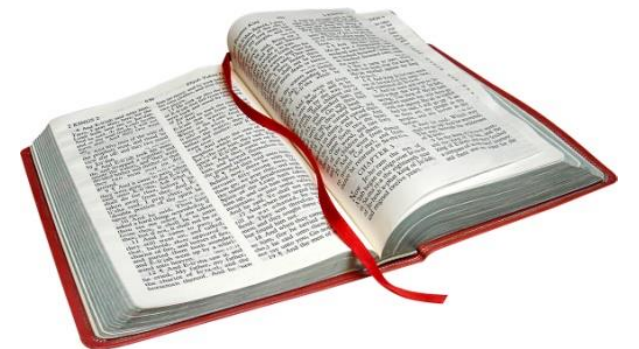




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Hezekiah

A Loyal King

“HE TRUSTED IN THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL...”

2 KINGS 18:5

Hezekiah: The King Who Trusted

- ▶ 2 Kings 18-20; 2 Chron. 29-32; Isa. 36-39
- ▶ A good king of Judah, the 12th, who reigned 29 years beginning at age 25 (715-686 B.C.)
- ▶ He is known for his trust (2 Kings 18:5)

Hezekiah: The King Who Trusted

- ▶ Trust in time of apostasy
- ▶ Trust in time of war
- ▶ Trust in time of sickness

Your Trust Will Be Tested

- ▶ His trust led to reform and restoration in time of apostasy (2 K. 18:3-8; 2 Chron. 29-31; see 29:3; 29:31; 29:36; 30:10-12; 31:20 - 32:1)
- ▶ He repaired and sanctified the temple, offered sacrifices for sin, kept the Passover, removed idolatry, restored the priesthood

Your Trust Will Be Tested

- ▶ His trust led to relying upon God in time of war (2 K. 18:9 – 19:37; 2 Chron. 32:1-23; Isa. 36-37; see 2 Chron. 32:7-8; 32:20-23)
- ▶ He paid tribute to S., fortified the city, encouraged the people, reminded the people of God's greatness, and he (along with Isaiah) prayed to God for help

Rabshakeh's Tactics

- ▶ In 701 B.C., Rabshakeh challenged, threatened, and tested Judah's trust (2 K. 18:19-35; 19:8-13; 2 Chron. 32:9-19; Isa. 36:4-20; 37:8-13)

Rabshakeh's Tactics

- ▶ Questioning (causing doubt)
- ▶ Boasting (blaspheming)
- ▶ Agreeing
- ▶ Persisting
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Railing
- ▶ Frightening

Your Trust Will Be Tested

- ▶ His trust led to prayer to God in times of sickness (2 K. 20:1-21; 2 Chron. 32:24-33; Isa. 38:1 – 39:8)
- ▶ He prayed for health (age 39, 701 B.C.), got well, wrote a song (Isa. 38:9-32), got proud, humbled himself, was tested

Who/what do you trust in?

- ▶ Fortified walls (Deut. 28:52; Jer. 5:17)
- ▶ Riches (Psa. 49:6; 52:7; Prov. 11:28; Mk. 10:24)
- ▶ Perverseness (Isa. 30:12; 47:10; 59:4)
- ▶ Military powers (Isa. 31:1; Psa. 20:7; 44:6)

Who/what do you trust in?

- ▶ Nations (Jer. 2:37)
- ▶ Friends (Psa. 41:9; Mic. 7:5)
- ▶ Idols (Psa. 115:18; 135:18; Isa. 42:17; Hab. 2:18)

Who/what do you trust in?

- ▶ Political leaders (Psa. 146:3)
- ▶ Selves (Prov. 28:26; Lk. 18:9; 2 Cor. 1:9)

“In God We Trust” ... Really?



Trust in God

- ▶ He never changes
- ▶ His word always comes true
- ▶ He wants only what is best for you
- ▶ He has the power to do what he says