

Lesson 16: Isaiah 38-39

Questions

1. What does Isaiah tell Hezekiah to do and why (38:1)?
2. What does Hezekiah do when Isaiah tells him he is going to die (38:2-3)?
3. What does the Lord tell Hezekiah after he hears Hezekiah's prayer (38:4-6)?
4. What miraculous sign does the Lord give Hezekiah to show Hezekiah that he will recover from his sickness and deliver Jerusalem from the king of Assyria (38:7-8)?
5. What does Hezekiah write concerning his sickness and recovery (38:9-20)?
 - What he believes will happen to him (38:10-12) -
 - How he feels in his soul while he is sick (38:13-15) -
 - His desire to be recovered from his sickness (38:16-17) -
 - The activity of those who die verses those who live (38:18-20) -
6. What does Isaiah say to do so that Hezekiah can be healed of his sickness (38:21)?
7. What does Hezekiah ask (38:22)?
8. Who sends letters and a present to Hezekiah after he recovers from his sickness (39:1)?

9. What does Hezekiah show the ambassadors from Babylon (39:2-4)?
10. What does Isaiah say will happen to all of Hezekiah's treasures and descendants and what is Hezekiah's response to Isaiah's message (39:5-8)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where else in the OT do we read about Hezekiah's sickness, his miraculous recovery, and his showing of the treasures to the Babylonians (38:1 – 39:8)?

Applications for Today

1. We need to set our house in order before we die (38:1; Mt. 25:1-13; 2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 9:27).
2. It is good to pray to the Lord (with tears) in times of trouble (38:2-3; Psa. 39:12; Heb. 5:7; Jas. 5:13).
3. It is important to walk before the Lord in truth, with a perfect heart, and having done that which is good in his sight (38:3; Psa. 101:2; 119:80; Prov. 11:20).
4. The Lord gives signs to prove that he will carry out his word and that his word is true (38:5-8; Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4).
5. It is good to praise the Lord and thank him for answering our prayers (38:9-20; Lk. 17:18).
6. "The living, the living..." – you need to praise the Lord while you are living because you cannot do it when you die (38:18-20; Psa. 118:17; 119:175).
7. We must guard against pride and forgetting the Lord after the Lord gives us prosperity (compare the account in 2 Chron. 32:24-31). The Lord gives us tests in life to see what is in our heart: humility or pride (39:1-2; 2 Chron. 26:16; Ezek. 28:17; Dan. 5:20).
8. Here is a good question: "What have they seen in your house?" (39:4). If visitors were to look into your house, would they see a wicked house (Prov. 14:11), or would they see a righteous house (Prov. 12:7; 15:6)?

9. The word of the Lord is good regardless the message, the promise, or the outcome (39:8; Job 1:21).