

A Righteous Response To A Tragic Diagnosis Hezekiah's Healing!

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Who Was Hezekiah?

2 Kings 18:1, *In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. ²He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem... ³And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord...⁴He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it... ⁵He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. ⁶For he held fast to the Lord. He did not depart from following Him, but kept the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses. ⁷And the Lord was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him.*

- **Hezekiah Was A King Like NO OTHER!**

What Did Hezekiah Do?

2 Chronicles 30:5, *So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come and keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it as often as prescribed. ⁶So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, “O people of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel...⁷Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the Lord God of their fathers...⁸Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to His sanctuary, which He has consecrated*

forever, and serve the Lord your God, that His fierce anger may turn away from you. ⁹For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children will find compassion ...For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away His face from you, if you return to Him.”... ¹⁸For a majority of the people, many of them from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, “May the good Lord pardon everyone ¹⁹ who sets his heart to seek God, the Lord, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness.” ²⁰And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people. ²¹And the people of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness, and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with all their might to the Lord. ²²And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good skill in the service of the Lord. So they ate the food of the festival for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to the Lord, the God of their fathers.

- **He Restored Worship And PRAYED FOR HIS PEOPLE!**

Hezekiah's Brush With Death:

2 Kings 20:1, *In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord, ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.’” ²Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, saying, ³“Now, O Lord, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. ⁴And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: ⁵“Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord, ⁶and I will add fifteen years to your life... ⁷And Isaiah said, “Bring a cake of figs. And let them take and lay it on the boil, that he may recover.”*

What We Can Learn From Hezekiah's Brush With Death?

- **The Righteous Aren't Immune To Diseases!**
- **Those Deadly Diseases Often Produce Devastating Diagnosis!**
- **The First And Best Response Is Passionate Prayer!**
 - **God Heard His Prayer**
 - **God Saw His Tears**
 - **God Was Moved With Compassion**
Psalms 56:8, You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?
- **There Is No Conflict Between Miracles And Modern Medicine!**

God Heals All Of Us

- Some **INSTANTLY**
- Some **GRADUALLY**
- Some In The **LIFE TO COME**

1 Corinthians 15:54, *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*