

“Is Hezekiah’s Prayer Truly a Model?”

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Praise with Joy : “The calling of God”

Scripture Reading : We will read 2 Kings 20:1–3 together.

Opening the Heart :

If there was a time when you prayed earnestly but your situation became even more difficult, or you felt that your prayer was not answered, let us share what your heart was like during that time.

Observation of the Word :

1. Hezekiah often went up to the temple whenever urgent matters arose. After hearing God’s word, “Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover,” how did he pray? (2 Kings 20:1–3)
2. How does God respond to Hezekiah’s prayer, even though he was discouraged and not in a fully right state of heart? (2 Kings 20:4–6)

Study of the Word :

1. Why does God say to Hezekiah, “the ruler of My people”? What did God want Hezekiah to realize through this? (2 Kings 20:5)
Yet when Hezekiah failed to understand this, what actions did he take? (2 Kings 20:12–18)
2. The additional fifteen years given to Hezekiah—what kind of opportunity was this time meant to be for him to prepare? (2 Kings 20:6, 19)
What were the consequences of not preparing well during that time? (2 Kings 21:2–3)

Application and Sharing :

1. Seeing how Hezekiah focused on his own situation and failed to recognize God’s sovereign rule, let us share how we can practice acknowledging God’s sovereignty in our daily lives.
2. If the time given to Hezekiah was not merely an extension of life but a time for mission, what kind of opportunity might the time we are living in now be that God has given to us?

Prayer in Response to the Word :

1. Help us remember that the answer to prayer rests not in our own effort or earnestness, but in God’s mercy and grace. Even in situations we cannot understand, help us trust and surrender to God as the sovereign ruler over our lives.
2. Help us realize that the time God has given us now is not merely for survival but a time of calling and mission. Enable us to faithfully raise our children and the next generation in faith.
3. Even amid illness, may Inland Church patients rely on Jesus only, and experience God’s help and healing.