Isaiah 38-39

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INTRODUCTION

- These two chapters really do not fit correctly chronologically.
- Isaiah could write about things that had never happened because he was inspired of God, right?
- Why would they call Isaiah by name if Isaiah was not the writer?

1 Trust in the Lord: Hezekiah's Tunnel

2 Chronicles 32:2–4; 2 Chronicles 32:30

- Indeed trust in the Lord, but does that mean you'll just fold your arms and say, Lord, I believe.
- The same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon and brought the water by tunnel to the west side of the city of David.
- They did their part, God did his part, and it was an unusual human feat that did indeed save the city during that time.
- The only way that Jerusalem was spared was by the hand of God.
- Hezekiah did pray to the Lord. The Lord answered the prayer. The Lord did his part.

2 Set Your House in Order

Isaiah 38:1; Isaiah 38:2–3

- Thus says the Lord, set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.
- If today were my last day, would I be prepared to meet the Lord in judgment?
- Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before you in truth and with a loyal heart and have done what is good in your sight.
- Hezekiah has no children at this point in time. And the fact is, God has made a promise to David earlier.

3 Why Would God Allow a Son Like Manasseh

2 Kings 18:5

- He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.
- Did God make it happen? No. I still believe God gave man choice, the right of choosing. But God knew.
- God didn't force the hand of man, he didn't make Manasseh that way.

4 The Shadow on the Sundial of Ahaz

Isaiah 38:4–8; Isaiah 38:21–22

- I've heard your prayer, I've seen your tears. Surely I will add to your days fifteen years.

- Behold, I'll bring the shadow on the sundial which has gone down with the sun on the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.
- I say the human mind doesn't know how God did it. That's why it's supernatural.
- Let them take a lump of figs and apply it as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover.

5 Hezekiah's Song of Thanksgiving

Isaiah 38:10

- In the prime of my life, I shall go to the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of the remainder of my years.
- He recognized that the Lord alone could grant him this recovery.
- When trouble and sorrows even come our way and remind us of the frailty of life, it makes us perhaps also turn more closely to walk with the Lord.

6 All Shall Be Carried to Babylon

Isaiah 39:5–6; Isaiah 39:8

- There was nothing in his house or all this dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.
- Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and what your fathers have accumulated unto this day shall be carried to Babylon.
- When the will of the Lord is accomplished, it is good and it is right.
- The suffering was as from a righteous Lord, a direct result of their own sins.

MY NOTES