

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

- **MOB Website & Resources:** www.ibcmob.net
- **Assist Pregnancy Center Walk/Run/Ride – Saturday, May 13,**
<https://runsignup.com/WRRforLife>
- **Men's Summer Sundaes Series**
 - Tuesday, June 13th – Speaker is Jonathan Alexandre of Liberty Counsel
 - Sunday, July 23rd – Speaker is Janet Parshall who is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host - open to spouses
 - Tuesday, August 8th – Speaker is retired Navy Vice Admiral Scott Redd who was the first Senate-confirmed Director of the National Counterterrorism Center serving from 2005 until 2007.
- **MOB Topical Summer Study – The Titus Ten, J. Josh Smith**

On Your Feet!

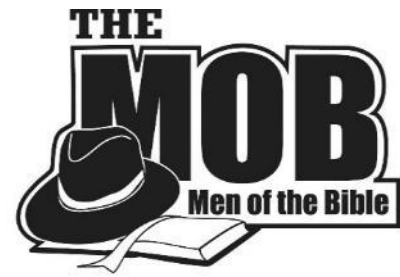


- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

“How Great Thou Art”

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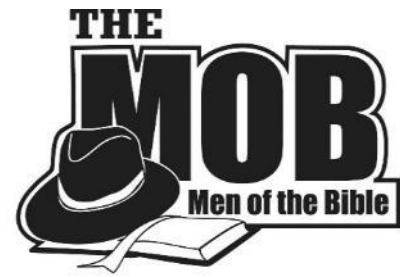
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**O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

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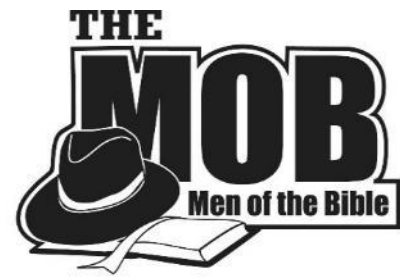
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**Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
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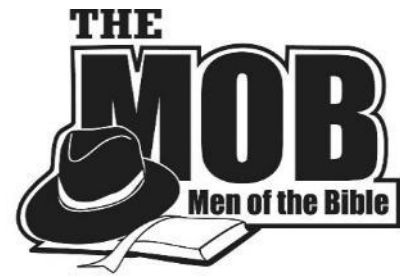
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**When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.**

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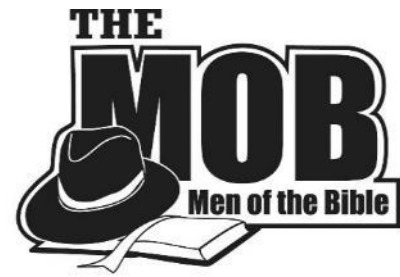
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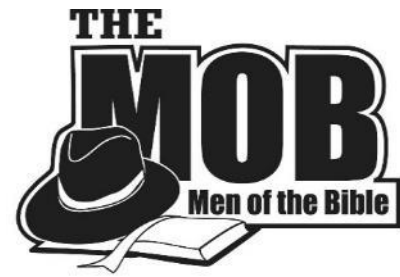
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**And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

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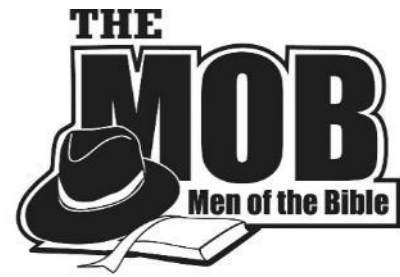
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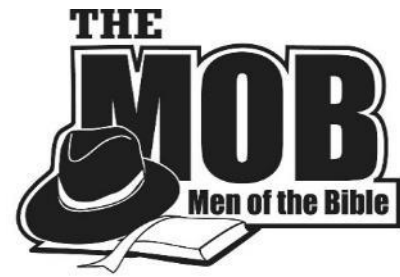
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**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"**

How Great Thou Art

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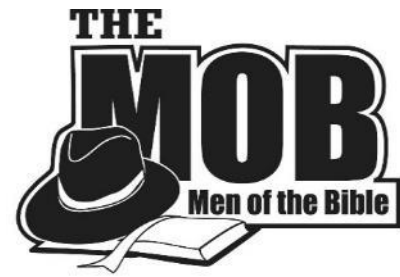
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Memory Verse



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Isaiah 38:17 (ESV)

“Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.”

Our Study of Isaiah

Last Meeting:

- **Isaiah 37, Hezekiah's Distress & Prayer, Assyrian's Struck Down**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 37:15-16**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 233-240; Motyer, pp. 279-286***

Tonight:

- **Isaiah 38, Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery**
 - **Memory Verse: Isaiah 38:17**
 - ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 240-246; Motyer, pp. 289-295***
- freshment Host: Small Group D**

Isaiah Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

as of December 30, 2022

#	DATE:	THE BOOK OF ISAIAH – READINGS & TOPICS	HOST SM GRP
28	APR 11	Isaiah 35 The Ransomed Shall Return Constable's Notes, pp. 223 - 227, Motyer, pp. 272 - 275	A
29	APR 18	Isaiah 36 Sennacherib Invades Judah Constable's Notes, pp. 227 - 233, Motyer, pp. 276 - 279	B
30	APR 25	Isaiah 37 Hezekiah's Distress & Prayer, Assyrian's Struck Down Constable, pp. 233 - 240, Motyer, pp. 279 - 286	C
31	MAY 2	Isaiah 38 Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery Constable's Notes, pp. 240 - 246, Motyer, pp. 289 - 295	D
32	MAY 9	Isaiah 39 Hezekiah Welcomes Babylonian Envoy Constable's Notes, pp. 246 - 251, Motyer, pp. 295 - 297	E
33	MAY 16	Isaiah 1-39 Review, Lessons Learned, Testimonies Constable's Notes, pp. 1 - 251, Motyer, pp. 13 - 297	Online
34	MAY 23	Isaiah 40-66 Introduction and Overview Constable's Notes, pp. 251 - 493	F
35	MAY 30	MAKE-UP SESSION	



Isaiah Outline

Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis				Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1				35:10		36:1		39:8		40:1		66:24					
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin		Hezekiah's Salvation		Israel's Deliverance		Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future	
	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1		39:8		40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
Topics	Prophetic Judgement								Historic Transition				Messianic Hope					
Place									Israel & Judah				We are here!					
Time									740 - 680 B.C.									

Overview | Isaiah 38

In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. He prayed to the LORD, who answered him and gave him a miraculous sign. (2 Chronicles 32:24)

Hezekiah's Healing

- Isaiah's **message** to king Hezekiah (Isaiah 38:1)
- King Hezekiah's **prayer** to the LORD (Isaiah 38:2-3)
- The LORD's **answer** to Hezekiah's prayer (Isaiah 38:4-8)
- King Hezekiah's **response** (Isaiah 38:9-20)
- The LORD's **treatment** protocol (Isaiah 38:21-22)

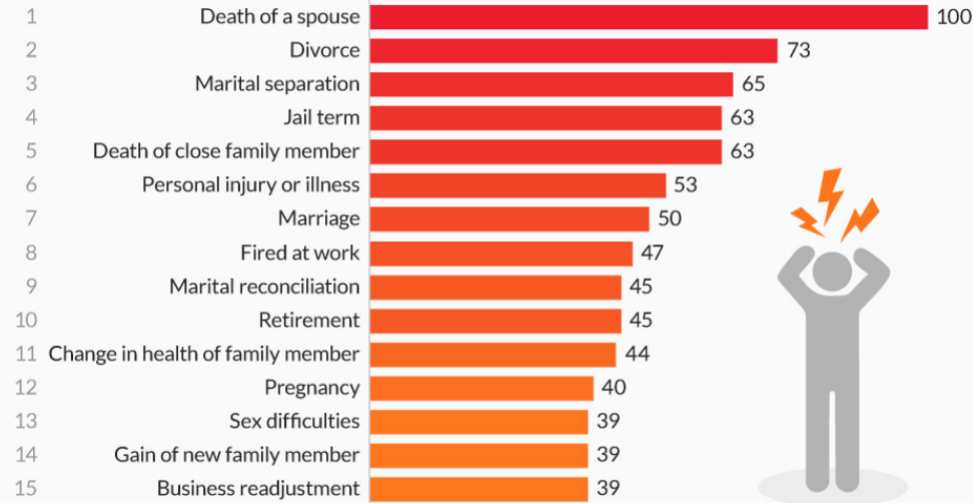
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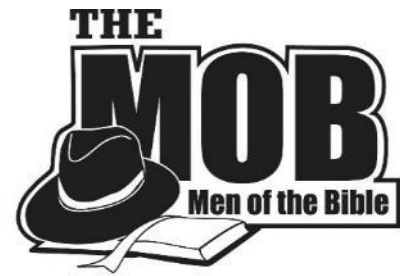
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5. **Getting married**
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8. **Change in health of family member**
9. **Pregnancy**
10. **Sexual difficulties**
11. **Gain of new family member**
12. **Business readjustment**
13. **Change in financial state**
14. **Death of close friend**
15. **High mortgage**

Life's most stressful events in one chart

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Top Stressors in Life

Stressful life events

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4. Marital separation	4. Vacation
5. Jail term	5. Eid
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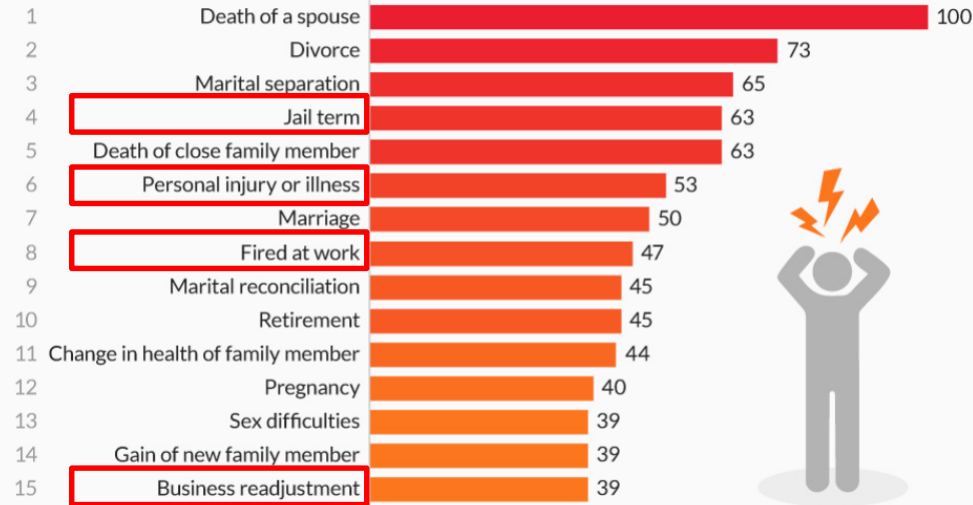
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Top Stressors in Hezekiah's Life

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Isaiah 38

Synchronizing Isaiah 38 with 2 Kings 20 and 2 Chronicles 24

	2 Kings	2 Chronicles	Isaiah
Hezekiah's Terminal Illness	20:1 (1)	24:1 (1)	38:1 (1)
Hezekiah's Prayer	20:2-3 (2)	-	38:2-3 (2)
Hezekiah's Healing	20:4-6, 8-11 (7)	-	38:4-8 (5)
Hezekiah's Praise		-	38:9-20 (12)
Hezekiah's Treatment Protocol	20:7 (1)	-	38:21-22 (2)
Total Verses	11	1	22

Isaiah 38:1-3

Isaiah's Message to King Hezekiah and Hezekiah's Prayer

1 In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: **Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.**"

2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, **3** "Remember, LORD, how I have **walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion** and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah **wept bitterly.**

In Those Days...

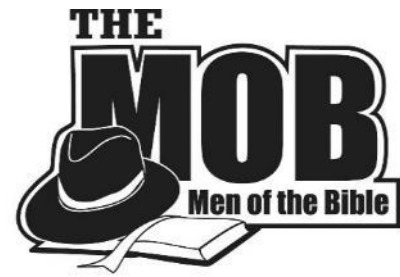
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Hezekiah was:

- 25** years old when he began to reign as king (2 Kings 18:1)
- + **29** years he reigned (2 Kings 18:1)
- 54** years old when he died (2 Kings 18:1)
- **15** years added to his life (Isaiah 38:6)
- 39** years old when he was **sick unto death** (Isaiah 38:1)
- 39** years old when **Sennacherib king Assyria attacked all the fortified cities** of Judah and captured them (2 Kings 18:13; Isaiah 36:1)

Wept Bitterly

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“His bitter tears showed the depth of his sorrow. He would apparently die without an heir to the throne, in the full strength of this manhood, and with his nation in an unsettled state.” – Dr. Constable’s Notes on Isaiah, page 241

“Hezekiah was one of the most truly human of the kings, and his portrait here accords with what is recorded elsewhere. He was a man whose heart was genuinely moved towards the Lord but whose will was fickle under the pressures and temptations of life. Like the David who was his ancestor, and unlike the greater David who was his descendant, his first thoughts were for himself. On hearing of his imminent death his only cry amounted to ‘I do not want to die’ (38:2-3).” – J. Alex Motyer

Isaiah 38:1-3

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- **In those days...** (timestamp)
 - Identifies the **event of Isaiah 36-37** (Assyrian siege of Jerusalem)
 - **Hezekiah's severe illness**
- You are **going to die...**
 - Isaiah **delivers God's warning and edict**
 - Hezekiah **turned to God** in prayer
 - Hezekiah **pleaded for God** to remember his faithful walk
 - **Short prayer** because of his weeping
 - Hezekiah has **no heir**

Hezekiah ... did what was right
in the sight of the Lord,
according to all that his father
David had done.

2 Kings 18:1-3

Isaiah 38:1-3

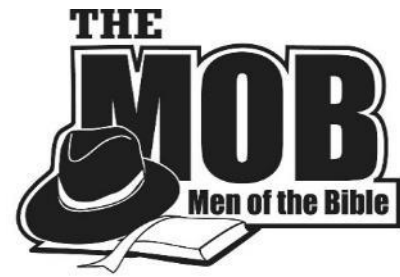
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How had Hezekiah walked faithfully with the Lord and with wholehearted devotion?

3 And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. **4** He 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 (it was called Nehushtan). **5** He 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. **6** For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. **7** And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. **8** He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city. (2 Kings 18:3-8)

Isaiah 38:4-8

The LORD Answers Hezekiah's Prayer



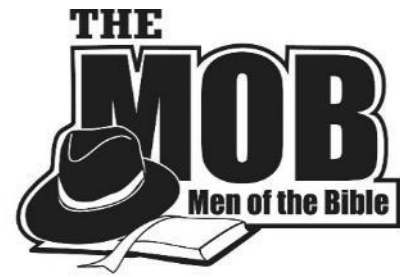
4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: **5** “Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘This is what the LORD, **the God of your father David**, says: **I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.** **6** And **I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria.** I will defend this city.

7 “This is **the LORD’s sign** to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: **8** **I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps** it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.’ ” So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.



Isaiah 38:4-6

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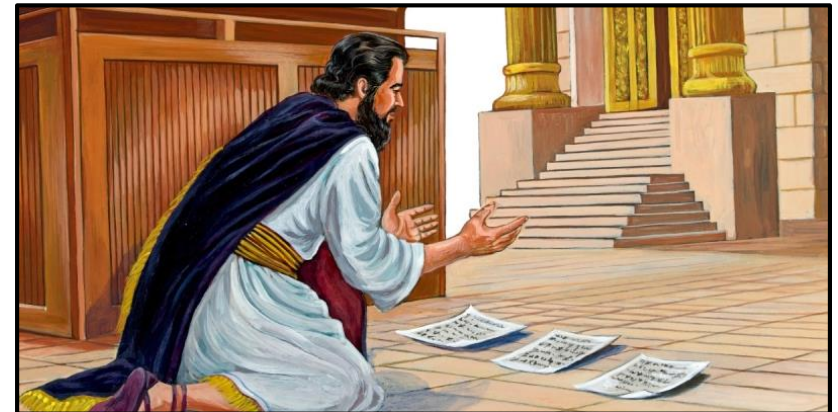
Isaiah 37:16-19

O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God.

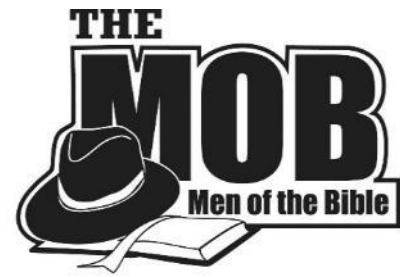
Truly, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire. For they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore they were destroyed.

- “God of your **father David**” (Reference to 2 Samuel 7?)
- **Hezekiah's personal delivery from death**
 - **Heard** your prayer, **seen** your tears, **added** 15 years (v6)
 - **No comment** on his faithfulness
 - “...mercy of the Lord that he hears our prayers even when they rest on false assumptions.” - Motyer
- **Jerusalem's promised delivery from destruction (Isaiah 37:16-20)**
 - **Incline** your ear and hear (v17)
 - **Open** your eyes and see (v17)
 - **Save us** from his hand (v20)



Eyes of the LORD

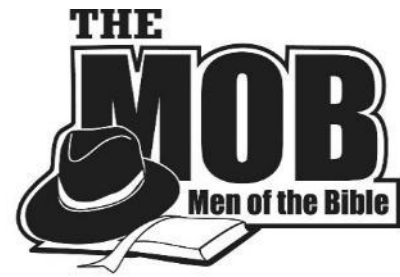
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- So she called on the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “**You are a God of seeing,**” for she said, “Truly here I have seen **him who looks after me.**” (Genesis 16:13) El Roi (roh-ee’)
- But **the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,** on those whose hope is in his unfailing love... (Psalm 33:18)
- O LORD, **you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it** altogether. (Psalm 139:1-4)
- The **eyes of the LORD are everywhere,** keeping watch on the wicked and the good. (Proverbs 15:3)
- The **eye of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.** (2 Chronicles 16:9a)

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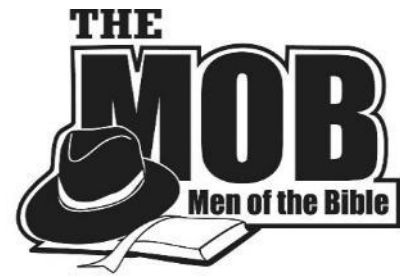


“The ground on which prayer is answered is not human faithfulness, but the faithfulness of the God of your father David (5). He made promises to David and he does not depart from them in relation to David’s sons. - Motyer

“The close association of Hezekiah’s recovery with the city’s deliverance suggests that the king epitomizes the city. Both Hezekiah and Jerusalem came to the threshold of death, but both were given a new lease on life because of the king’s faithful deeds.” Robert B. Chisholm Jr., Handbook on the Prophets, page 91

Add 15 Years...

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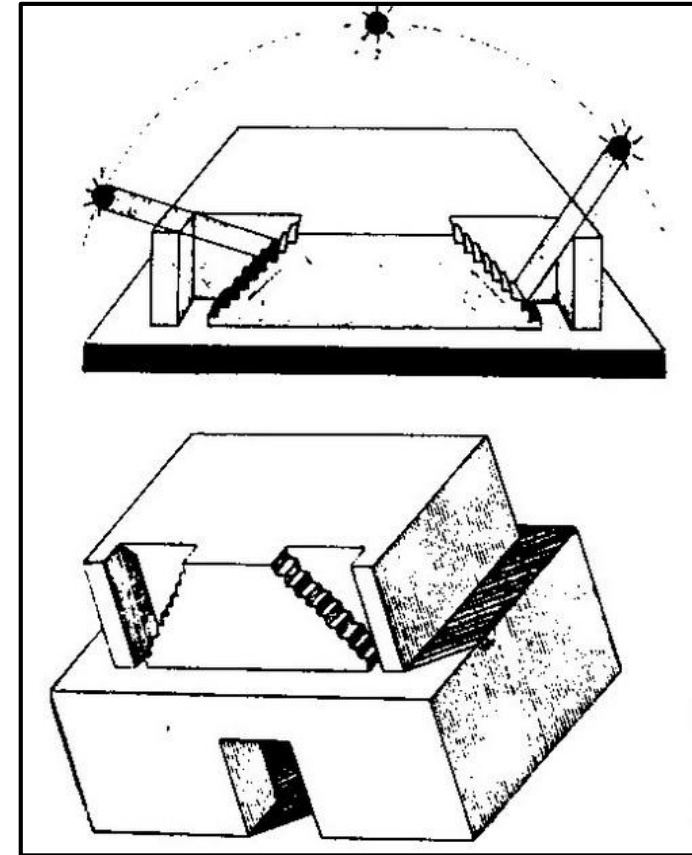
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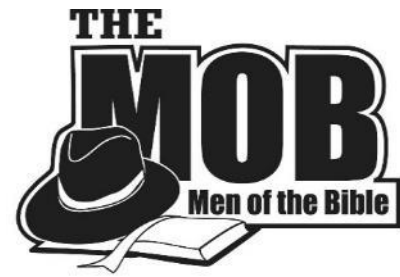
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- Hezekiah **asked for a sign** that the LORD would heal him (2 Kings 20:8)
- Isaiah **gave Hezekiah two options**, make the **shadow to go forward ten steps or back ten?** (2 Kings 20:9)
- Hezekiah surmised it was **easier for the shadow to lengthen ten steps**, but **not to retreat ten** (2 Kings 20:10)
- Isaiah asked the LORD and **He brought the shadow back the ten steps it had already descended on the stairway of Ahaz** (2 Kings 20:11)



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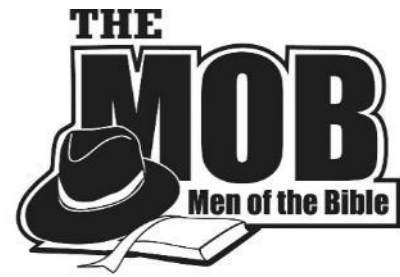
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“Evidently, whatever it was, Hezekiah could see it from his sickbed. The passing away of daylight on the stairway suggested the passing away of Hezekiah’s life, and the return of sunlight symbolized the restoration of life.” - Dr. Constable’s Notes on Isaiah, page 242

Isaiah 38:9-14

King Hezekiah's Response



9A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery:

10I said, "In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?"

11I said, "I will not again see the LORD himself in the land of the living; no longer will I look on my fellow man, or be with those who now dwell in this world.

12Like a shepherd's tent my house has been pulled down and taken from me.

Like a weaver I have rolled up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom; day and night you made an end of me.

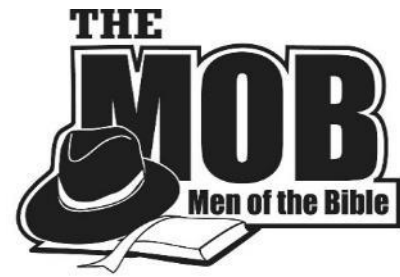
13I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion he broke all my bones; day and night you made an end of me.

14I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove.

My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am being threatened; Lord, come to my aid!"

Isaiah 38:9-14

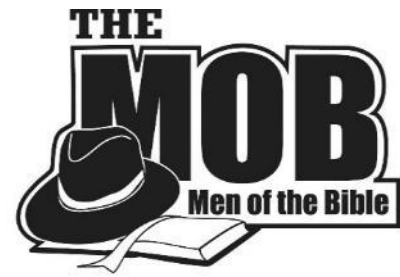
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- **Hezekiah's lament**, before his praise
 - Laments **express deep regret, grief, or sorrow***
 - Lots of lament in the Bible (Psalms 10, 63, 69, 74, 79, and Lamentations)
- Importance of **jotting things down**
 - “The faintest ink is better than the mightiest memory” – Chinese Proverb
 - Reminded of God's work
- **Looks intensely at himself and his situation**
 - Refers to himself using the pronouns **I, me, and my 21 times** in 6 verses
 - Refers to the LORD as **He, Himself, LORD, and you, 7 times**
 - “... **viewed his life as fragile**” as a temporary tent or piece of cloth taken away
 - **Hezekiah looks up to the LORD** for help

Isaiah 38:15-20

King Hezekiah's Response



15 But what can **I say**? **He** has spoken to **me**, and **he himself** has done this. **I will walk humbly** all **my years** because of this **anguish of my soul**.

16 **Lord**, by such things people live; and **my spirit** finds life in them too. **You restored me to health** and **let me live**.

17 Surely it was **for my benefit that I suffered** such anguish. In **your love you kept me** from the **pit** of destruction; **you have put all my sins behind your back**.

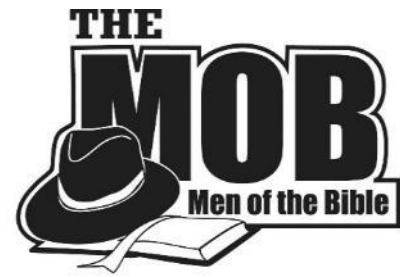
18 For the **grave cannot praise you**, **death cannot sing your praise**; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for **your faithfulness**.

19 The living, the living—they **praise you**, as **I am doing today**; parents tell **their children about your faithfulness**.

20 The **LORD will save me**, and **we will sing** with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the **temple of the LORD**.

Isaiah 38:15-20

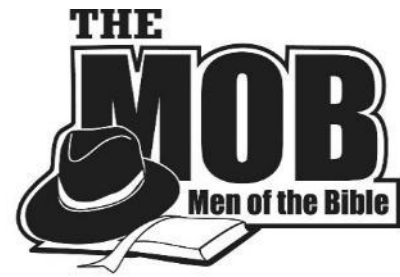
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- **Hezekiah's lament turns to praise**
 - **What** can he say? (v15)
 - **Changes focus from self to God** and His provision
 - Only refers to himself as I, me, and my pronouns **14 times**
 - Refers to God in broad ways as He, Himself, LORD, You, and Your **16 times**
 - God provided more than he prayed for - **deliverance and forgiveness** (v17)

Isaiah 38:21-22

King Hezekiah's Response



21 Isaiah had said, "Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover."

22 Hezekiah had asked, "What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?"

- Isolated here to **provide emphasis**
- 2 Kings 20:1-11 provides narrative with **God's medical prescription for Isaiah**
- **Poultice** typically a **soft and usually warm mass of bread, meal, clay, herbs, or the like applied to sores or inflamed parts of the body**
- Excited to **praise God in the temple**



Conclusion and Application



God answers prayer

What or who can you bring to God in prayer tonight?

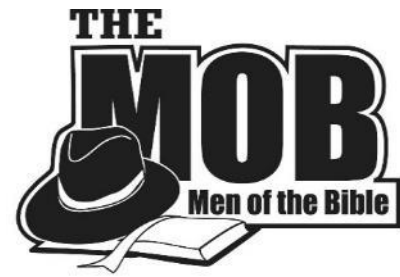
God is aware of what is happening in His creation

What does God see in your life that needs to change?

God alone is worthy of praise

What can you praise God for tonight?

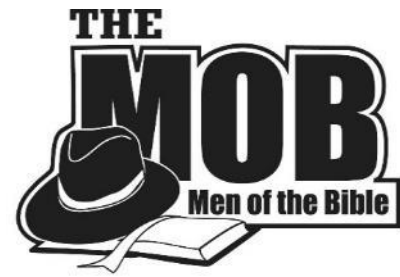
Discussion & Application



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- 1. How do you react to major stressors in life? Where do you turn when major issues occur (e.g. food, friends, or the Lord)?**
- 2. In verse 3, Hezekiah appeals to God based on his obedience? What do we know about Hezekiah's leadership of Judah? (2 Kings 18:3-8; 2 Chronicles 31:1-12a, 20-21)**
- 3. What did the Mosaic Covenant promise those who obeyed the commandments of the LORD? (Deuteronomy 5:33; 7:12-15; 11:26-28; 28:1-46; 30:15-18)**
- 4. Where has God interrupted your plans and shook your world? What was the end result?**
- 5. What was the issue with king Hezekiah dying without an heir? (2 Samuel 7:7-16; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; 2 Chronicles 6:16)**

Discussion & Application



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- 6. Where else in the Bible do we see answered prayer? (2 Kings 1:10, 12; 19:19; Acts 4:29, etc)**
- 7. Where has God answered prayer in your life? What were your top prayers that God answered?**
- 8. Where in the Bible does God display His sovereign control over time? (Joshua 10:12-14; Luke 22:47-51; John 2:1-10; etc.)**
- 9. What does it mean to lament and where have you lamented your life?**
- 10. What are the benefits of journaling our prayers and praises?**
- 11. Where does the Bible record others praising God? (Exodus 15:1-18; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 2 Samuel 22:1-51, etc.)**

Next Meeting 9 May

Review:

- **Isaiah 38, Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 38:17**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 240-246; Motyer, pp. 289-295***
- **Refreshment Host: Small Group D**

Next Week:

- **Isaiah 39, Hezekiah Welcomes Babylonian Envoy**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 39:6**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 246-251; Motyer, pp. 295-297***
- **Refreshment Host: Small Group E**

Closing



- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**