

HEZEKIAH'S MIRACULOUS RECOVERY (2 Kings 20:1-21)

- I. Hezekiah's ILLNESS (2 Kings 20:1-6)
 - A. He was MORTALLY ill
 - B. Isaiah came with a MESSAGE from GOD
 - 1. Pronounced that he would DIE
 - 2. Counseled him to "SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"
 - C. Hezekiah PRAYED
 - 1. Stated his own FAITHFULNESS
 - 2. "Wept BITTERLY"
 - D. Isaiah RETURNED with another message from GOD
 - 1. "I have HEARD your prayer and seen your TEARS"
 - 2. "I will HEAL you" FULLY in THREE DAYS
 - 3. "I will add FIFTEEN YEARS to your life"
 - 4. "I will DEFEND you and this city from ASSYRIA for My own SAKE and for DAVID'S"
- II. Hezekiah's RECOVERY (2 Kings 20:7-11)
 - A. God used EXTERNAL means to TREAT Hezekiah
 - B. Hezekiah asked for a SIGN (cf. Isa. 7:11-13)
 - C. He was given TWO CHOICES

1. Either the SHADOW could DESCEND ten steps
 2. Or the SHADOW could ASCEND ten steps
- D. He chose the LATTER
1. The HARDER because it REVERSED the natural order
 2. The more APPROPRIATE because it implied ADDING TIME

III. Hezekiah's FOLLY (2 Kings 20:12-21)

- A. He was VISITED by an envoy from BABYLON (cf. 2 Chron. 32:31)
1. Had heard of his RECOVERY from ILLNESS
 2. Wanted to enquire about the MIRACLE "in the LAND"
 3. Probably desired an ALLIANCE against ASSYRIA
- B. He SHOWED them ALL he had
- C. Isaiah REBUKED him for his FOLLY
1. The WEALTH will be LOST
 2. His CHILDREN would be CAPTIVES
- D. Hezekiah responded with ACCEPTANCE
- E. His reign ends with more COMMENDATION (cf. 2 Chron. 32:30, 33)

IV. Lessons

- A. God's HARD word is not always His LAST word
- B. God's BLESSINGS often come through TRIALS
- C. We are SAFEST when Scripture makes us TREMBLE