

What Made Hezekiah Great?

TEXT: 2 Kings 18:1-7

INTRODUCTION:

- A. WHO WAS HEZEKIAH?
 - 1. 12th King of Judah, son of evil Ahaz and Abi, begins reign at 25 in 726 B. C.
 - 2. When Israel fell, he refused to serve Assyria and fought Philistia.
 - 3. Forms alliance with Babylon against Assyria and fends of Sennacherib twice.
 - 4. Dies one year later, leaving Judah prosperous and peaceful.
- B. **2 Kings 18:5.** WHAT MADE HEZEKIAH GREAT?

I. NOT HIS PARENTS.

- A. AHAZ ONE OF THE WORST KINGS(**2 Kings 16:1-4**).
- B. MANY RIGHTEOUS MEN ARISE FROM WICKED PARENT & VICE VERSA.
 - 1. Gideon(**Judges 6:25** - father's name Joash). Josiah(Amon - **2 Kings 21:20**).
 - 2. Eli(**1 Sam. 2:22-26**)and Samuel's(**8:1-3**)sons.
- C. ENVIRONMENT IMPORTANT(**Prov. 22:6**).
- D. BUT EACH MUST ANSWER FOR HIMSELF(**Ez 18:19-20; Rom 14:12**).

II. NOT HIS AGE.

- A. A YOUNG KING AT 25.
- B. EXPERIENCE DOES COUNT FOR SOMETHING(**Prov. 3:1-7**).
- C. BUT THERE IS SOMETHING GREATER(**Psa. 119:97-105**).

III. NOT HIS PRIDE.

- A. THIS WAS A WEAKNESS(**2 Kings 20:12-18**).
- B. **Prov. 16:18; Luke 12:15.** PRIDE IN THE MATERIAL.
- C. **1 Cor. 10:12.** SPIRITUAL HAUGHTINESS.

III. WHY WAS HE GREAT?

- A. HE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES(**vs. 3**).
 - 1. Man's will and God's conflict(**Col. 2:8**).
 - 2. Man's sometimes seems so logical(**Prov. 16:25**).
 - 3. There is pressure to follow men(**Acts 5:29; Gal. 1:10**).
- B. HE WAS UNCOMPROMISING IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - 1. His first act was to destroy the idols & cleanse God's house(**2 Kings 18:4; 2 Chron. 29:3-11**).
 - 2. Immediately began reform, no hesitation or doubt(**2 Chron. 29:3, 36**).
 - 3. **Matt. 6:24; 1 Kings 18:21.**
- C. HE TRUSTED GOD(**vs. 5; Heb. 11:8-19, 6**).
- D. HE CLAVE TO THE LORD(**vs. 6; Heb. 3:6, 14**).
- E. HE DID WHAT GOD SAID(**vs. 6; Matt. 7:21**).

CONCLUSION: AN EXAMPLE FOR US IN THE GOOD THINGS.