



“Set thy house in order” Observations:

Life Is Uncertain! Proverbs 27:1

- **Death is certain.** *Ecclesiastes 9:5, “the Living know they shall die.”*
- **We don’t know when.** James 4:14
- **Judgment is sure.** Hebrews 9:27
- **Purpose for life.** Ecclesiastes 12:13
- **We need to set our houses in order!**

Facts About Hezekiah:

King of Judah. 726-697 BC.

- The 13th of 20 kings. 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 25
- 25 years old when he began to reign; he reigned 29 years. 2 Kings 18:1.
- Contemporary with Isaiah. Isaiah 1:1; 2 Kings 20:1

Son of Ahaz. 2 Kings 16:20.

- Ahaz reigned 16 years; was evil. 2 Kings 16:2-4.
- 2 Chronicles 28:19: He “*encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to the Lord*” NKJV.
- He brought ruin upon the nation!

Facts About Hezekiah:

- 2 Kings 18:3. “*He did that which was right...*”
- 2 Kings 18:5,6 “*He trusted in the Lord God*”
- 2 Chronicles 29:3-36 **Cleansed** the temple and restored worship in Jerusalem.
- During a time of siege he **built a tunnel** from the Gihon Spring to bring water to Jerusalem. 2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chronicles 32:30.
- In times of crisis **He prayed; God answered!**
 - 2 Kings 19:14-19
 - 2 Kings 20:1-2

But Hezekiah Was **Not** Perfect!

- He showed the messengers from Babylon “*all the house of his precious things.*” 2 Kings 20:12-15; Isaiah 39:1-8.
- **Isaiah rebuked Hezekiah**, and informed him that his descendants would be carried to Babylon, and they would serve the king of Babylon. 2 Kings 20:16-19

Examine Text – 2 Kings 20:1-6

- **Verse 1.** “*Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.*”
- **Verse 2.** “*He turned his face to the wall, and prayed*” cf. Isaiah 38:2
- **Verse 3** He petitioned God to “**remember**”
 - “*How I walked before thee in truth*”
 - “*And with a perfect (loyal - NKJV) heart*”
 - “*and have done that which is good in thy sight*”

Examine Text – 2 Kings 20:1-6

- Verse 3. He *“wept sore,”* or *“bitterly,”* NKJV. Isaiah 38:3.
- He did not manifest the same spirit as did Paul. cf. Philippians 1:21,23.
- A factor to remember:
 - He was only 39 years old (2 Kings 18:2; 20:6).
 - He had no heirs to the throne. Manasseh, his son and successor, was born three years **after** his recovery, 2 Kings 21:1.

God Immediately Answered His Prayer, 2 Kings 20:4-6; Isaiah 38:4-6

- *“I have **heard** thy prayer.”* 2 Kings 20:5
- *“I have **seen** thy tears,”* 2 Kings 20:5
- *“I will **heal** thee,”* 2 Kings 20:5
- *“I will **add** unto thy days 15 years,”* 20:5
- *“I will **deliver** thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria,”* 20:6
- *“I will **defend** this city for..my sake.”* 20:6
- Note: God then gave him a *“Sign.”* 20:8-11

Application For People Today cf. Romans 15:4

We, too, shall die and not live! Causes:

- The body wears out. 2 Corinthians 5:1; Ecclesiastes 12:1-7; Psalms 90
- Disease. 2 Kings 1:2; Matthew 4:24
- Murder. Genesis 4:8
- Suicide. 1 Samuel 31:4
- Accident. Luke 13:4

What Occurs at Death?

- The spirit leaves the body. James 2:26
- Earthly ties are broken. Genesis 23:1-4
- The soul goes to the Hadean realm to await the judgment. Luke 16:19-31

Set Your House in Order By:

Making provisions for your family. 1 Timothy 5:8

- Making a will. Hebrews 9:15-17.

Repairing broken human relations.

- Domestic. Ephesians 5:25; 6:1-2,4; Titus 2:4-5
- Social. Romans 13:8,10
- Spiritual. Matthew 5:23; 18:15-17

Doing what it takes to be right with God!

- Alien Sinners Must Obey the Gospel.
- Members of the church who have fallen away must repent, pray, confess. Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9

Conclusion:

- Most people, when they die, have not set their houses in order; especially as it pertains to their relationship with God.
- **Don't make that mistake!**