

Hezekiah's Example for You

One of the four great kings of Judah, his life is recorded much more than most, and he is worth copying in many ways.

**I gave you this man this past Sunday
as one that could pray facing death ...**

*Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee,
how I have walked before thee in truth and
with a perfect heart, and have done
that which is good in thy sight.*

A Few Biographical Reminders

Hezek (strength) + ***iah*** (Jehovah) = **Jehovah my strength.**

He began to reign at 25 and died at 54.

He had two crises at the age of 39.

He had three miracles at 39.

He is in the Bible thrice.

1% of Bible is him.







The Greatest Faith in God

He trusted in the LORD God of Israel;
so that after him was none like him
among all the kings of Judah,
nor any that were before him.

For he clave to the LORD,
and departed not from following him, but kept his
commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

II Kings 18:5-6

What Will You Be Known For?

How Will You Rank with Peers?

What Will Your Epitaph Read Like?

If a cemetery, then think of epitaphs!

He went against his father king Ahaz.

His father was a very wicked king.

His father had shut down the temple.

But Hezekiah changed things immediately.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD,
according to all that David his father had done.
He in the first year of his reign, in the first month,
opened the doors of the house of the LORD,
and repaired them.

II Chronicles 29:2-3

He used His office to change things.

He did not care that he was only 25.

He did not care he was barely in office.

He addressed the Levites authoritatively.

And he brought in the priests and the Levites,
and gathered them together into the east street,

And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites,
sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house
of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry
forth the filthiness out of the holy place....

Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant
with the LORD God of Israel, that his
fierce wrath may turn away from us.

My sons, be not now negligent:
for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him.

II Chron 29:4-11

He rejected longstanding tradition.

He found Moses' brass serpent in use.
This was 800 years after its limited role.
He mocked and destroyed it as only junk.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD,
according to all that David his father did.

He removed the high places,
and brake the images, and cut down the groves,
and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made:
for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it:
and he called it ***Nehushtan.***

II Kings 18:3-4

He was fervent in zeal in all he did.

He did what was good, right, and truth.

He sought the Lord totally by the Bible.

He did these things with all his heart.

And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah,
and wrought that which was
good and right and truth
before the LORD his God.

And in every work that he began
in the service of the house of God,
and in the law,
and in the commandments,
to seek his God,
he did it with all his heart,
and prospered.

II Chronicles 31:20-21

He loved the words of God.

He had his men copy Solomon's proverbs.

These are also proverbs of Solomon,
which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

Proverbs 25:1

He chose to honor only good men.

It was Hezekiah that demoted evil Shebna.
It was also Hezekiah that promoted Eliakim.
Remember David's promises in Psalm 101.
Who are your friends and why?

And I will drive thee from thy station,
and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

Isaiah 22:19

He loved place and worship of God.

He rose up early to get temple dedicated.
It was done very suddenly – no delay at all.
He commanded David's music and singing.
He bowed and worshipped in reverence.
He rejoiced about the revival of religion.

Then Hezekiah the king rose early,
and gathered the rulers of the city,
and went up to the house of the LORD.

II Chronicles 29:20

And Hezekiah rejoiced,
and all the people,
that God had prepared the people:
for the thing was done suddenly.

II Chronicles 29:36

He held a celebration beyond duty.

He wanted a Passover now, not next year.

He invited the ten tribes for many visitors.

He kept this feast for two weeks, not one.

He encouraged the preachers to let it rip.

Their prayers came up into God's heaven.

God blessed them with unity we all seek.

So the posts passed from city to city through
the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun:
but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.
Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun
humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

II Chronicles 30:10-11

But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying,
The good LORD pardon every one
That prepareth his heart to seek God,
the LORD God of his fathers,
though he be not cleansed according
to the purification of the sanctuary.

II Chronicles 30:18-19

And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites
that taught the good knowledge of the LORD.

Moreover he commanded the people
that dwelt in Jerusalem to give
the portion of the priests and the Levites,
that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

II Chronicles 30:22; 31:4

And the whole assembly
took counsel to keep other seven days:
and they kept other seven days with gladness.

II Chronicles 30:23

Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart
to do the commandment of the king and of the princes,
by the word of the LORD.

II Chronicles 30:10-11

Then the priests the Levites
arose and blessed the people:
and their voice was heard, and their
prayer came up to his holy dwelling place,
even unto heaven.

II Chronicles 30:27

No wonder he prospered and lived.

God killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night.

God healed his terminal illness for prayer.

God moved the sun backward 10 degrees.

God made him great in the area nations.

God took him at 54 due to future sins.

**Will the sons in this room ... Follow
their good fathers and not be
like Manasseh?**

Further Study

- **Hezekiah: Life and Lessons** ... 2010 Sermon ... [here](#).
- **Nehemiah Housecleaning** ... 2016 Outline ... [here](#).