



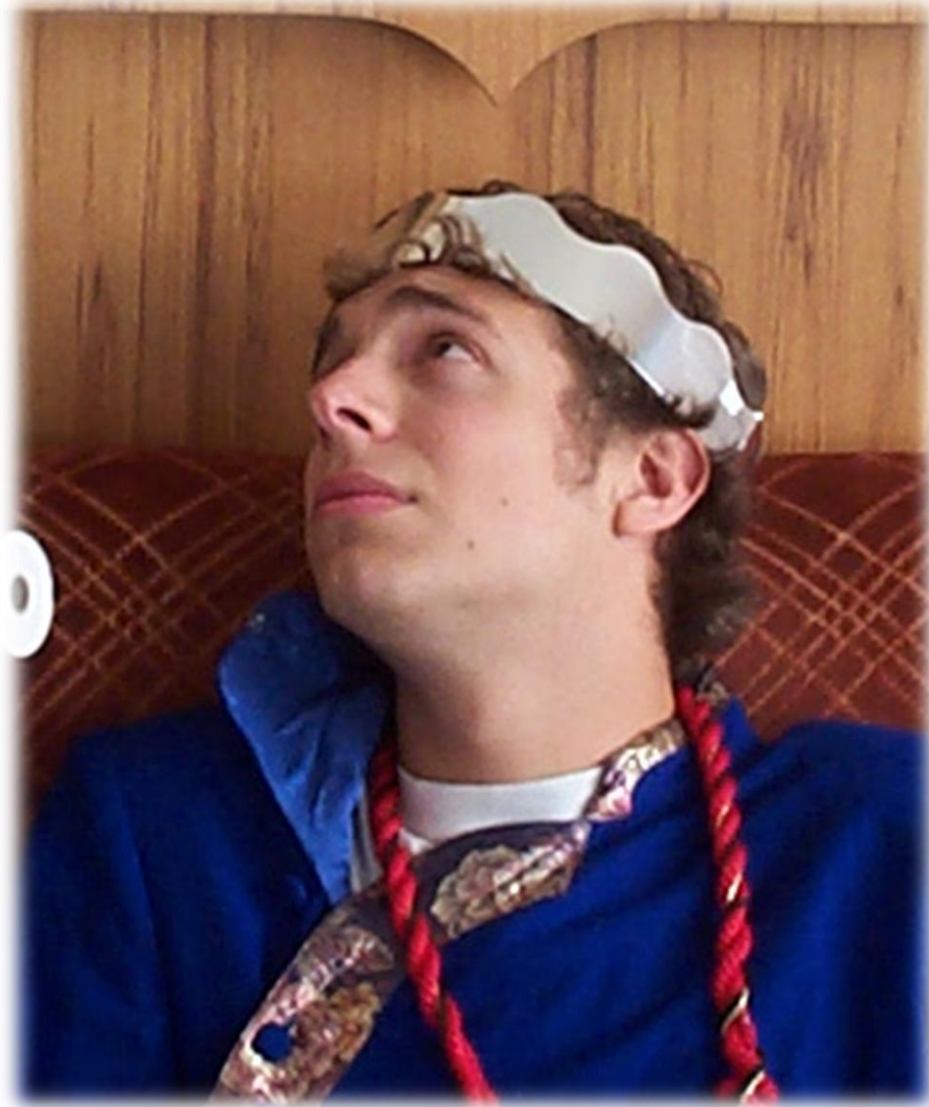
King Hezekiah Prays for Health

2 Kings 20:1-11



























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¹About this time, Hezekiah got sick and was almost dead. Isaiah the prophet went in and told him, "The LORD says you won't ever get well. You are going to die, so you had better start doing what needs to be done." ²Hezekiah turned toward the wall and prayed, ³"Don't forget that I have been faithful to you, LORD. I have obeyed you with all my heart, and I do whatever you say is right." After this, he cried hard.

⁴Before Isaiah got to the middle court of the palace, ⁵the LORD sent him back to Hezekiah with this message:

Hezekiah, you are the ruler of my people, and I am the LORD God, who was worshiped by your ancestor David. I heard you pray, and I saw you cry. I will heal you, so that three days from now you will be able to worship in my temple. ⁶I will let you live fifteen years more, while I protect you and your city from the king of Assyria. I will defend this city as an honor to me and to my servant David.

⁷Then Isaiah said to the king's servants, "Bring some mashed figs and place them on the king's open sore. He will then get well."

⁸Hezekiah asked Isaiah, "Can you prove that the LORD will heal me, so that I can worship in his temple in three days?"

⁹Isaiah replied, "The LORD will prove to you that he will keep his promise. Will the shadow made by the setting sun on the stairway go forward ten steps or back ten steps?" ¹⁰"It's normal for the sun to go forward," Hezekiah answered. "But how can it go back?"

¹¹Isaiah prayed, and the LORD made the shadow go back ten steps on the stairway built for King Ahaz.

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1. Cover: King Hezekiah Prays for Health 2 Kings 20:1-11
Hezekiah was a very good king. He prayed often and he always obeyed God.
2. One day King Hezekiah became very ill and almost died. Even though he was sick, Hezekiah did not forget the Lord or blame him. He just continued to pray and ask God for good health.
3. Isaiah, the Prophet came to visit Hezekiah. Isaiah had bad news from the Lord.
4. He told King Hezekiah this: "You will not get well."
5. As soon as Isaiah left, Hezekiah began to pray to God. He did not want to die.
6. The people needed him. He wanted to teach them to love and obey God. Hezekiah cried and kept on praying and begging God to make him well.
7. So the Lord spoke to Isaiah before he had even left the courtyard. He told him to go back to the king. "Tell Hezekiah that I will heal him. In 3 days he should go to the temple. I will add 15 years to his life."
8. Isaiah went straight to the king and told him the good news. "King Hezekiah, God has heard your prayers! In 3 days you should go to the temple. The Lord says you will live for 15 more years!"
9. The King was very happy. Now he would have the chance to help his people.
10. Isaiah told Hezekiah's servants to boil some figs and make a paste to put on the king's skin. The king immediately got better.
11. King Hezekiah began thinking... "How can I be sure that I will live longer? Is it really true?"
Hezekiah wanted a sign. Something to prove that he really would live for 15 more years.
12. Isaiah asked, "Do you see the shadow on the steps? Do you want the shadow to move? Do you want it to move forward or backward?"

Hezekiah answered, "It is easy for a shadow to move forward...that is how the sun always makes the shadow move. How about if I ask for something that is impossible? If the shadow goes BACK 10 steps then I know that it is a sign from God."
13. So when Isaiah called to the Lord the Lord made something impossible happen. The shadow began to move backward. It moved backward 10 steps! Now King Hezekiah knew that it was true! So Hezekiah obeyed the Lord and went to the temple.
14. Guess how many more years Hezekiah lived? That's right...15 years. Just like God said.
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