

Isaiah 37-39

Portrait of Humility

1) Test 1: Disaster (ch. 37)

1. Initial Humble Response – 37:1-4

- Visible Humility
- Personal Worship
- Asks for Prayer

2. Ongoing Humble Response – 37:14-20

- Personal Worship
- Public Demonstration
- Public Prayer
 - Address – v. 16
 - See Us – v. 17-19
 - Save Us – v. 20a
 - THAT... - v. 20b

2) Test 2: Disease (ch. 38)

1. Prays

- Immediately – v. 2, 10-11
- Feebly – v. 3, 14b, 16b

2. Weeps

- Bitterly – v. 3, 14, 16
- Humbly – v. 12-13,15

God's Response – 38:4-8 (2 Kgs 20:4)

Isaiah's Response –

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3. Hezekiah's Response – v. 17-20

- Perspective Gained
 - Trial was for my good
 - Love healed me
 - Love forgave me

- Resolve to Worship
 - Thank, praise, hope
 - Share with others

3) Test 3: Prosperity (ch. 39)

(see also 2 Chronicles 32:25-31)

Summary Take-Aways

1. Hezekiah's Example

2. Hezekiah's Failure

3. Hezekiah's Redemption

Praxis

1. What are some benefits of public humility in prayer? Some dangers?
2. Consider a time when God answered a prayer or unexpectedly prospered you... Did this bolster or hinder your faithfulness?
3. What might Hezekiah teach us about our appropriate "return" to the Lord when He blesses us? When He disciplines us?