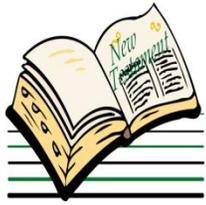


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: God Hears Us and Loves Us"
Text: Isaiah 38:1-22
Theme: The good news is that every moment of every day, with each breath we take, our God loves us. He hears us, and He never leaves us or abandons us - especially in the hard times! Since God loves His people, He hears and responds to their heartfelt pleas.

I. Hezekiah's _____ (1-8)

II. Hezekiah's _____ (9-20)

III. Hezekiah's _____ (21-22)

IV. Applications

A. _____ could not _____ the line of the _____.

B. Sometimes God brings situations into your life that _____ so that you will learn to _____ with tenacious _____.

C. Scripture teaches us to _____ and _____ to God not out of Stoic _____, but as a beloved _____ to a loving and responsive _____.

Next Week: Read Isaiah 39:1-8

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What serious situation did Hezekiah face (v. 1a)?
2. What message did Hezekiah receive that especially disturbed him (v. 1b)?
3. How did Hezekiah react to this message (vv. 2-3)?
4. How did the LORD respond to Hezekiah's prayer (vv. 4-6)?
5. What unusual sign did the LORD provide to confirm His word to Hezekiah (vv. 7-8)? What did this signify?
6. What did Hezekiah do in response to his healing (vv. 9-20)?
7. What two main thoughts did Hezekiah express in this writing (vv. 9-14, 15-20)?
8. For what two things in particular was Hezekiah thankful (vv. 15-20)?
9. What was the means used for Hezekiah's healing (v. 21)?
10. Why was a sign given to Hezekiah (v. 22)?
11. Why was the prospect of Hezekiah's death at this point in his life such terrible news?
12. What was the LORD demonstrating to Hezekiah and to Israel in this situation concerning His promise?
13. What is the redemptive-historical significance of this episode in Hezekiah's life?
14. Have you ever gone through a situation where you were helpless and the outcome would be terrible for you? How did you react?
15. Why didn't Hezekiah simply accept the initial word from the LORD that he was going to die? How do we reconcile God's foreordination of all things (Eph. 1:11) with certain descriptions that seem to show that God changes His mind? Does God's will change based upon our reactions and prayers?