Kings of Israel/Judah Hezekiah - 2 Kings 19 9/4/24

Hezekiah – Jehovah is strength or a strong support is Jehovah. He was one of the best kings to sit on the throne of Judah, and is distinguished as the greatest in faith of all Judah's kings (2 Kings. 18:5). While Hezekiah was a sincere and devout man, he was in no way perfect. This king is to be admired when one thinks of family background. Having such a wicked and evil father as Ahaz, it is a wonder that he became the noble king that he did. He is proof once again that God works in mysteries ways, and He chooses and uses men and women as He sees fit.

Hezekiah ascended to the throne at the age of twenty-five. His reign began around the late 8th century continuing to the early 7th century B.C. (715 to about 686 B.C.). He reigned for 29 years.

Hezekiah is known as the king who asked God for additional years to be added to his life. He knew how to pray about personal matters as well as military. When overtaken by a serious illness, he turned his face to the wall and prayed (2 Kings 20:2).

Hezekiah simple faith in God was the source and secret of his strength.

All The Men Of The Bible – Herbert Lockyer – Zondervan Publishers 145-146

Hezekiah Seeks Counsel:

2 Kings 19: 1-13

Hezekiah's Prayer:

vv. 14-19

God's Message To Hezekiah:

vv. 20-28

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. What did Hezekiah do when he found himself in a difficult situation (vv. 1-13)?
- 2. Discuss some of the elements of Hezekiah's prayer.
- 3. What did God promise Hezekiah that He would do to the Assyrians and their king and why? (vv. 34-37)

Next Week's Lesson: King Hezekiah – 2 Kings 20 Background Reading: 2 Chronicles 29 - 32