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ONE PURPOSE WEEKEND 2025 Sunday Morning Worship Service "Hezekiah – Good not Great" Isaiah 39

One Purpose Weekend

Our One Purpose – To glorify God by knowing and making known the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2025 - Leaving a Legacy

This morning, we are going to look at the story of a king – Hezekiah

- -Hezekiah was a good king as far as the kings of Judah and Israel were concerned.
- -He was good but not great -
- -And the reason he was not great is because he failed to leave a godly legacy.

Hezekiah - A Good King

2 Kings 18-20 2 Chronicles 29-32 Isaiah 36-39

1 - He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord -

-2 Kings 18:1-3

2 – He demolished idolatry in the land –

-2 Kings 18

3 – He cleansed the temple, consecrated the priests and restored temple worship –

-2 Chronicles 29

4 - He reestablished Passover observance -

-2 Chronicles 30

5 - He was a man of prayer -

- -Two times Hezekiah's praying is commended -
 - -One was when the great Assyrian commander Sennacherib laid siege to Jerusalem 2 Chron. 32
 - -The other is when he fell sick Isaiah 38

Read Isaiah 39

Pray

Hezekiah's Sad Reality

Hezekiah didn't look at the past or the future with biblical accuracy.

1 – When he looked at the past, he was full of pride – not thanksgiving.

- -Hezekiah lived 715-686 BC (300 years after David)
 - -While Egypt was a power in the south, Assyria was the superpower of the day.
 - -Way to the east was a small kingdom by the name of Babylon.
- -Here comes this envoy of Babylonian dignitaries -
- -And Hezekiah shows them everything -
- -We should see Hezekiah's wealth in light of the Mosaic Covenant -
 - -2 Chronicles 32:27-30
- -While it is implied, the message is still there -
 - -Instead of showing them the temple, the priests, the sacrifices, and all that made them the people of God he showed the wealth and took credit!
- -We should look at the past for two main reasons -
 - -To learn lessons
 - -To give thanks

2 – When he looked forward, he failed to care about the well-being of his family and nation.

- -What was coming?
 - -vs. 5-7 "Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, 'Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the Lord. And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"
 - -His sons, instead of great kings begetting great kings, they would be eunuchs in another kingdom!
- -Here's the sad reality about Hezekiah's heart -
 - -v. 8 "Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, 'The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good.' For he thought, 'There will be peace and security in my days.'"
- -He failed to plan or even care about a godly legacy...

Application

1 – When you look back, what do you see?

2 – When you look ahead what do you see?