

The Man Who Lived Too Long

(2 Kings 20:1-6)

- Introduction:
1. One of the great men of the Bible was King Hezekiah.
 2. He served well as King for 29 years and during a very difficult time.
 3. Let's examine this man's life in relation to the title of this lesson.

I. The Good In Hezekiah

- A. He overcame his upbringing (2 Kings 16:1-20; 2 Chronicles 28:1-27).
 1. His father, Ahaz was one of the most wicked Kings in Judah.
 2. He forced his children to pass through the fire.
 3. He was an idolater.
 4. He was so wicked, he was not permitted to be buried with the other Kings.
- B. He trusted In God like no other King did (2 Kings 18:5).
- C. He did that which was right (2 Kings 18:3).
- D. He cleansed the temple and restored the Passover (2 Chronicles 30:26).
- E. He even destroyed the brass serpent Moses made (2 Kings 18:4).
- F. He built the tunnels in Jerusalem that are still a marvel today.

II. However, It Appears He Lived Too Long

- A. He was told to set his house in order for he was going to die (2 Kings 20:1-2).
- B. Hezekiah wept bitterly and prayed to God asking Him to extend his life.
- C. God answered his prayer giving him 15 additional years (2 Kings 20:6).
- D. But in these years, he destroyed what he had accomplished (2 Chronicles 32:25).
 1. His heart was lifted up (2 Chronicles 32:25).
 2. In the third year of his borrowed time, he had a son named Manasseh.
 - a. Manasseh was a wicked King he reigned for 55 years (2 Kings 21:1-2).
 - b. Because of him, God said he would "wipe Jerusalem like a dish." (2 Kings 21:13).

III. Application

1. One's background is not an excuse for their spiritual condition in life.
2. Prayer is powerful.
3. Our past or present doesn't secure our future.

- Conclusion:
1. We need to keep perspective.
 2. There are things more important than longevity.
 3. May we always guard our hearts, and serve the Lord all our lives.