

Scripture to read: 2 kings 20th chapter

Lord added 15years to Hezekiah life who was in his death bed

When Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die. When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, "This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver and defend you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. Hezekiah lived just as the Lord foretold.

Question

What was the reason for God to answer Hezekiah"s request?

Answer:

We can see the answer for this in 2 Kings 18:5,6, King Hezekiah followed the laws of the Lord, and he did not go away from the Lord but always relied on him alone. Because of all these God answered his request.

Even Hezekiah did one thing that displeased the Lord. That brought forth a great consequence.

king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of Hezekiah"s illness. Hezekiah received the envoys and showed them all that was in his storehouses. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them. Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: The time will surely come when everything in your palace, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD. And some of your descendants, your own flesh, will be taken away, and they will become slaves in the palace of the king of Babylon." "The word of the LORD you have spoken is good," Hezekiah replied. For he thought, "Will there not be

peace and security in my lifetime?" Children Hezekiah was in a prideful state of not relying on the Lord as he used to be in his initial days. Jerusalem would have not be robbed and people would have not been taken as slaves if, Hezekiah would have repented as soon as he heard the word of the Lord that they will be taken to Babylon. It is not that, we be humble in our beginning stage but let's hold on to it till the end.

Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Psalms 62:10

Prayer

Lord who sees my tears and holds me by thy hand, please come with me and lead me father. When we were in a lowly state you were with us, please be with us and lead us even when we prosper. We will be humble till the end. Amen