

WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - JULY 21, 2019

TOPIC: TWELVE OT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 12: *A Prayer For Healing!*

TEXT: Isaiah 38:1-8

INTRO: Who Is King Hezekiah?

FOUR PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES ON KING HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER

I. GOD HONORS THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: v.3

Note: Hezekiah "*walked*" before God faithfully with all his heart! - v. 3 cf. II Chron. 29: 3-36

- Enoch! - Gen. 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5

II. GOD RESPECTS THE PRAYER OF THE DOER OF GOOD THINGS BEFORE GOD: v.3

Note: In here, Hezekiah did not say, "*I have done what is good in PEOPLE'S eyes,*" but rather, "*in Your eyes!*"

III. GOD SEES THE TEARS OF A BROKENHEARTED SOUL WHEN PRAYING: vv.3b,5b

Note: Verse 3b indicates that he was sobbing, and God "heard" and saw it! - v.5b

IV. GOD HAS THE PREROGATIVE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO HEAL AND PROLONG ONE'S LIFE:vv.1-5

1. Re: Healing - Two Things To Remember:

- A. At times, it is God Himself who inflicts sickness on a person! - II Samuel 12:15
- B. Not all sickness is healed by God Himself! - vv. 1,5 cf. II Cor. 12:7-9

Note: In verse 7, Paul's "*thorn in the flesh*" probably was "ophthalmia," a common disease in the East, to the point of almost total blindness!
e.g.: Galatians 4:13-15; 6:11

2. Re: Life - Two things To Remember:

- A. God can SHORTEN it! - II Samuel 12:15,16,18a
Eunice Joy!
- B. God can LENGTHEN it! - Isaiah 38:5b

CONCLUSION: "*El Roi!*"

The Mayo Brothers!

Dr. Will Mayo said: "I have seen patients that were dead by all standards. We knew they could not live. But I have seen a minister come to the bedside and did something for him that I could not do, although I have done everything in my professional power. But something touched some immortal spark in him, and in defiance of medical knowledge and materialistic common sense, that patient LIVED!"

The Mayo brothers, Doctors Will and Charles, were founders of the world-famed Mayo clinics. - Paul L. Tan

Verse For Today

"I have heard your prayer and seen your tears: I will add fifteen years to your life!" - Isaiah 38:5b

Food For Thought

"Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused!" - Charles H. Spurgeon

