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Trust Jehovah in good times and bad

2 Kings 20

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The little story of Hezekiah seems to tell two different Hezekiahs. In the first story, Hezekiah was seriously ill, but he respectfully came to Jehovah and cried out, and was eventually extended to 15 years. In the second story, when Hezekiah was cured of his illness and the kingdom of Babylon came to seek unity, Hezekiah seemed desperate to get an alliance with Babylon and show off his wealth to an angel of Babylon, and the entire palace of Judah was looked at, which Jehovah did not like.

Why is Hezekiah in the two stories of today very confident and the other less confident? When Hezekiah was seriously ill, he had to rely on Jehovah, so he came to God and prayed sincerely, and he had no way but to rely on God! In the second story, Hezekiah was cured of his illness and had strength, so he used his own diplomatic means to solve the problem, and when he was on himself, he did not rely on God

This chapter tells us that God's children should trust God and walk the path of faith, no matter what the circumstances, and never think that because we are successful, we don't need to rely on God.

There are many passages in the Bible that encourage us to trust in God. Here are some verses related to trusting God:

Psalm 37:5

"Trust ye Jehovah with all your heart, and do not trust in your own wisdom, but establish him in all thy ways, and he shall direct thy paths. 』

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Rely on Yahweh with all your heart, and do not trust in your own wisdom. Recognize Him in all your ways, and He will direct your paths. 』

Isaiah 41:10

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand. 」

Matthew 6:31-33

"Wherefore, do not be anxious, and say, 'What you eat, what you drink, what you wear? Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 」

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, and thanksgiving, make known to God what you want. The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 」

These verses remind us to trust God in our lives and seek His guidance and help. Hopefully, these sutras will help you soothe your restless and chaotic mind

and deepen your trust in God. I will also pray for you and ask God to give you peace and comfort.

We pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to you with our hearts and souls in your power and love. Thank you for giving us the confidence and hope to know that we can count on you at all times.

Lord, we want to be able to trust you wholeheartedly, without relying on our own ability or wisdom. May we seek Your will, follow Your guidance, and rely on You with all our hearts and souls in every moment of our lives.

Lord, as we face difficulties and challenges, strengthen our faith and let us know that You are always with us and that Your love and strength never fail.

Please give us peace and comfort as our hearts find soothing and peace as we trust in You. Please lead us in your path and fill our lives with your grace and glory.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

## 2 Kings 20

20:1 At that time, the Greek family was so sick that it was dying. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz went to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Thou shalt leave thy life with thy house, for thou shalt surely die, and thou shalt not live.

20:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Jehovah, saying,

20:3 Remember, Yahweh, how I have kept a perfect heart before you, and have done what is good in your sight. The Greek family wept bitterly.

20:4 When Isaiah came out, and had not yet come to the middle court, the word of Yahweh came to him, saying,

20:5 Go back to Hezekiah, the king of my people, and say, Thus saith the God of David thy father, 'I have heard thy prayer, and have seen thy tears, and I will heal thee.' And it shall come to pass on the third day, that thou shalt go up to the house of Jehovah.

20:6 I will increase your life of fifteen years, and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. I will protect this city for my own sake, and for the sake of my servant David.

20:7 Isaiah said, take a piece of cake without a figflower. And they took it and put it on it, and the king was healed.

20:8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "Yahweh shall heal me, and on the third day I will go up to the house of Yahweh, what sign shall I have?"

20:9 Isaiah said, Yahweh will do what he says. this is a sign he gives you, do you want the shadow of the sun to move forward ten degrees? is it going to go back ten degrees?

20:10 The Greek family replied, "It is easy for the sun to move forward ten degrees, and I want the sun to go back ten degrees."

20:11 The prophet called on Yahovah with Isaiah, and Yahweh caused Ahaz's sundial to go back ten degrees from the shadow of the sun.

20:12 At that time, Bilodabarat, the son of Baradan king of Babylon, heard that Hezekiah had recovered from his illness and sent him letters and gifts.

20:13                   And when Hezekiah heard the words of the messenger, he showed them the gold, and the silver, and the incense, and the precious anointing oil, and all the weapons of his arsenal, and all the treasures of his treasures. In his home and in his whole country , the Greeks did not give them the same thing .

20:14                   So Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and asked him, "What are these men?" Where do they come from to see you? The Greeks said they came from distant Babylon.

20:15                   Isaiah said, what did they see in your house. Hezekiah said, "All that is in my house they have seen it." There is nothing in my treasure that I will not show them.

20:16                   And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the words of Jehovah,

20:17                   And the day shall come when all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers have stored up unto this day, shall be carried away captive to Babylon, and shall be left behind. this is what ye and hua said .

20:18                   And among the sons born of thyself shall be carried away captive to be eunuchs in the palace of Babylon.

20:19                   Greece said to Israel , what you said about Yahweh is very good . Wouldn't it be nice if there was peace and stability in my life?

20:20                   The rest of the Greek family, and his might, how he dug cisterns, and dug waters, and brought water into the city, are not written in the book of the kings of Juda.

20:21                   Hezekiah slept with his fathers. And his son Manasseh succeeded him as king.

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In 2 Kings 20, the key verses are:

Verse 1: "In those days Hezekiah was sick and dying. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amos, went to him and said, Thus saith the LORD, Put thy house in order, for thou shalt die; You won't be able to recover. (New Translation)

Verse 5: ""Return to Hezekiah, ruler of my people, and say, 'Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father: I have heard thy prayer and seen thy tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now on, you will go up to the house of the Lord. Verse

11: "The prophet Isaiah called unto the Lord, and the Lord sent the shadow back to the ten steps it had taken on the steps of Ahaz. (New Translation)

These verses detail the story of Hezekiah's illness, the prophecy of his imminent death, his prayers and subsequent healing by God, and the miracles given to Hezekiah as evidence of God's power. These verses can be found in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible, specifically in 2 Kings 20.

In 2 Kings 20, we read about a major event in the life of King Hezekiah of Judah. This chapter offers a few points to think about:

**The Power of Prayer:** Hezekiah was very ill, and the prophet Isaiah brought him a message from the Lord that he would not recover, but would die. In response, Hezekiah prayed fervently to God, pleading for mercy and healing. God heard his

prayers and gave him an additional 15 years of life. This account emphasizes the power of prayer and the importance of bringing our needs and concerns to God. It encourages us to seek God's intervention and mercy during difficult times and to trust in His ability to answer our prayers as He wills.

**God's mercy and grace:** Despite the announcement of impending death, God showed His mercy and grace to Hezekiah. In response to his prayers, God extended his life and granted him healing. This reveals God's willingness to respond to the cries of His people and show them mercy. It reminds us that God is a compassionate and gracious God who is happy to extend His grace to those who seek Him.

**The Danger of Pride:** Hezekiah was healed and received

The king of Babylon, who showed them all the treasures of his kingdom. In doing so, Hezekiah showed pride and did not give glory to God's restoration and blessings. This account is a warning of the dangers of pride and self-reliance.

It reminds us to humbly acknowledge God as the source of all our blessings and to prevent pride from creeping into our hearts.

**God's Knowledge of the Future:** In response to Hezekiah's actions, Isaiah prophesied that the treasures shown to the Babylonian messengers would eventually be brought to Babylon, and some of Hezekiah's own descendants would serve in the palace of the king of Babylon. This shows God's knowledge of future events and His ability to reveal them through His prophets. It reminds us that God sees the bigger picture and knows the results of our actions. It prompts us to seek His wisdom and guidance in our decisions, knowing that He has a perfect understanding of the future.

**The Importance of Faithfulness in Leadership:** Hezekiah was praised as a righteous king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. His loyalty and commitment to obeying God's commands make him a leader like no other. This highlights the importance of loyal leadership and its positive impact on a country. It prompts us

to think about the importance of integrity and justice in our own leadership roles, whether in our families, workplaces, or communities.

Overall, 2 Kings 20 reflects on the power of prayer, God's mercy and grace, the dangers of pride, God's knowledge of the future, and the importance of faithfulness in leadership. It encourages us to rely on prayer to seek God's intervention, to recognize His mercy and grace in our lives, to prevent pride, to trust in God's knowledge and wisdom, and to prioritize loyalty in our leadership roles.