

LIVING ON BORROWED TIME (Part 2)

Living on borrowed time is a phrase I heard over my life time. To me it meant surviving some fatal experience and living to tell about it.

Last Tuesday, we studied King Hezekiah, the 13th king of Judea, who was told by Isaiah, his pastor-teacher, "Set you house in order, for you shall die and not live." (Isa.38:1)

In this study, we will cover Hezekiah's response to this newly declared Directive Will of God and then the Lord's response to the king's prayer by the following four points.

1. Hezekiah's response to Lord's new Directive Will was to PRAY (Isa.38:2-3).

(James 5:16b) "**The effective** (energeo/ p.p.ptc.asm/ adjectival predicate) [The effect produced because it was compatible with the Will of God] (modifying prayer/ deesis) **prayer of a righteous man can accomplish** (ischuo/ p.a.ind.3ps) [The power to prevail] **much.**"

We will use the acrostic F.A.C.T.S to explain an EFFECTIVE PRAYER.

- **F**ather (Matt.6:9; John 14:13-14)
- **A**sk according to will of God (1 John 5:14-15)
- **C**onfess sin (Ps.66:18; 1 John 1:9)
- **T**hankful heart (Phil.1:3-4; 4:6-7; Eph.5:20; 1 Cor.11:24)
- **S**pirit (Eph.6:18; Rom.8:26-27)

Before Isaiah left the king's residence, The Lord responded to Hezekiah's prayer. The Lord issued a new Directive Will for the healing of the king (2 Kings 20:4-7; Isa.38:4-8).

2. Doctrinal point: The Sovereignty of God always triumphs over the Directive Will.

In the eternal plan of God, the sovereign will of God has not changed. What appears to be God changing His mind is the language of accommodation in theology. It is used to help believers at different levels of spiritual growth understand a new Directive Will.

If God didn't want to issue a new Directive Will, the king would have died and everyone would have understood that it had happened according to Eccl.3:2; Heb.9:27. People would have said things like, "he died peacefully or that he died doing what he liked or he died the way he would have liked."

The truth is that Hezekiah died on schedule in the eternal Plan of God at the age of 54 rather than at 39. (2 Kings 18:2).

The sovereignty of God issued a new Directive Will to move Hezekiah in another direction (healing), important to the Plan of God.

3. Hezekiah's mistake was not prioritizing the Directive Will of God of "Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live," in his life.

God issued a new Directive Will regarding his physical healing and extending his life span an additional 15 years.

What happened in these 15 years was important to “setting his house in order” as the king of Judah. During the last 12 of those 15 years, he had a son and heir to the throne of Judah (2 Kings 21:1-9).

- He failed to spiritually train his son, Manasseh (2 Kings 18:3-7).
- He failed in the spiritual side of “set his kingly house in order.”

Hezekiah led a great spiritual revival in the nation of Judah, but spiritually failed with his son-heir (Prov.22:6; Eph.6:4) [Noah].

4. The new Directive Will of God of healing required three things. The 10 steps program of healing of King Hezekiah became important to our calendar.

- **1st** King was told to prepare a poultice of fig and apply them to boils (2 Kings 20:7)
- **2nd** King was told to decide whether the sign of 10 steps of Ahaz (2 Kings 16:10-20) would go forward or backward (2 Kings 20:9-10; Isa.38:8).
- **3rd** Isaiah prayed regarding the fulfillment of the sign for healing and the additional 15 years to Hezekiah’s life (2 Kings 20:11) (Note: Hezekiah’s Psalms/ Isa.38:9-20).

NASA discovered a missing day from our calendar in 1997. Christians working at NASA mentioned the Sun standing still in Book of Joshua (Josh.10:12-13). They discovered it accounted for 23 hours and 20 minutes. Then they discovered the 10 backward steps of the shadow of the sundial of King Hezekiah accounted for the missing 40 minutes (Isa.38:5-8) (I.S.B.E, Vol.2, pg842).

“Solar time is directly derived from the sun’s position, by counting one hour of time every 15* of hour angle as earth rotate around its axis in 24 hours, which gives $360^* / 24 \text{ hours} = 15^* \text{ per hour}$.” (History of Sundial Arcs)

This would equal 40 minutes per 10* (20 min = 5*/ 40 min. = 10*).

The earth obeys two laws of creation that is important to this subject. It rotates on its axis and produces day and night and it orbits the Sun to produce seasons (Gen.1:14-19) [fourth day].