

For Christ's Sake: Trusting God in the Calm and Crisis

“Hezekiah and the Old Testament Church”

2 Kings 18

The Lord's Day Morning

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The word “church” has several legitimate meanings, and the most basic meaning from the Greek word, *ekklesia*, is “assembly.” Throughout Scripture, the church is the assembly of God’s holy, elect, redeemed people who know, love, obey, and exalt him (Ex. 12:6; Mt. 18:17; Gal. 6:16). So, in one sense, the church began at Pentecost. In another, the church began in Eden. The Old Testament church in Hezekiah’s day is bound to God by a covenant that was mediated by Moses: The temporary Mosaic Covenant. The New Testament church in our day is bound to God by the eternal New Covenant mediated by Jesus (Heb. 12:24).

1. Hezekiah’s _____: The “church” is infected with idolatry, surrounded by the enemy, and aware of its history (1–2).
2. Hezekiah’s _____: As a “christ,” the anointed Davidic king trusts in the only true God and obeys his Word (3–12).
3. Hezekiah’s _____: An initial failure that God will cause to work for his glory (13–37).

Application:

1. Know your _____:
2. Resolve to _____:
3. Prepare for a _____: