

Worshiping a King

Involves Prayer

2 Kings 18:1–3 (NASB95)

1 Now it came about in the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3 **He did right** in the **sight of the LORD**, according to all that his father David had done.

2 Kings 18:32^b–35 (NASB95)

32^b But do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us."

33 'Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 'Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand?

35 'Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'"

2 Kings 19:1 (NASB95)

1 And when King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and **entered the house of the LORD**.

2 Kings 19:6–7 (NASB95)

6 Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "**Do not be afraid** because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land." ' "

2 Kings 19:14–19 (NASB95)

14 Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and **he went** up to the **house of the LORD** and spread it out before the LORD.

15 **Hezekiah prayed** before the LORD and said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, who are enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

16 "Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

17 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands

18 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

19 “Now, O LORD our God, **I pray**, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, O LORD, are God.”

2 Kings 19:35 (NLT)

35 That night the angel of the LORD went out to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere.

2 Kings 18:3–7 (NASB95)

3 **He did right** in the **sight of the LORD**, according to all that his father David had done.

4 He removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called Nehushtan.

5 **He trusted in the LORD**, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him.

6 For **he clung to the LORD**; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

7 And the **LORD was with him**; wherever he went he prospered. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

1. We must live righteously before God.

2. We must become a people of prayer.

3. We must trust the living true God.

4. We must cling to the Lord our God.