

# Message Notes



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## THE PRAYER OF HEZEKIAH

*Our Father, You are holy and righteous and just, deserving of praise, honor and glory! Your name is great and greatly to be praised. Before the earth was formed, You are! You are from everlasting to everlasting. We honor You and give You the praise you deserve. You are good and your mercy endures forever from generation to generation. Oh! how we adore you, and magnify Your name. You are the only true God above all gods. There is none like You. We worship You in spirit and in truth. Oh! Lord, faithful and true, how excellent is Your name in all the earth. We bow down to You and worship You in the beauty of holiness. Let all the people praise You! How majestic is Your name! The heavens declare your glory and from our lips we offer you the fruit of praise, and bless Your Holy Name, our Lord and our God, forever and ever. Now, Spirit of God, prepare our hearts to receive Your Word so that You are exalted in our lives and through Your Church. Amen!*

## WHERE WERE YOU WHEN... ?

### 2 Kings 19:14-19

When Hezekiah read the letter, he went straight to the temple of the Lord, spread the letter out before God and prayed: "O Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned on high, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God. Truly, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore they were destroyed. So now, O Lord our God, deliver us, please, from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O Lord, are God alone."

## PRAYERS OF ADORATION

**FAITH** is critical to effective prayer!

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8*

### A.C.T.S: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication

**When we speak of God's attributes, we are talking about those characteristics that help us to understand who He truly is and a description of his "Character." Here's an incomplete list and summary of His attributes.**

*Advocate, All in All, Almighty God, Ancient of Days, Alpha and Omega, Author and Finisher of our faith, Banner, Beautiful, Beginning and the End, Beloved of the Father, Bishop of our souls, Branch, Bread of Life, Bridegroom, Bright and Morning Star, Comforter, Cornerstone, Creator, Defender, Deliverer, Desire of Nations, Door, Eternal Life, Everlasting Father, Faithful and True Witness, Firstborn from the dead, Fortress, Friend, Gate, God, Good Shepherd, Governor, Guardian, Head of the Church, Healer, Helper, Holy, I AM, Image of the Invisible God, Immanuel, Immortal, Immutability, Inheritance, Jesus of Nazareth, Judge, Justifier, King Eternal, King of Glory, King of Kings, Lamb of God, Life, Light of Men, Light of the World, Lily of the Valley, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Lord of Lords, Lord God Almighty, Lord Jesus Christ, Love, Maker, Man of Sorrows, Master, Mediator, Merciful, Messiah, Mighty God, Mighty One, Most High, Name above all names, Nazarene, Omnipotent, Omnipresence, Omniscience, One with the Father, Only Begotten of the Father, Only wise God, Physician, Priest, Prince of Peace, Provider, Rabbi, Redeemer, Refuge, Resurrection and the Life, Righteous Judge, Rock of Salvation, Rose of Sharon, Sanctifier, Savior, Shepherd, Shield, Son of Man, Son of the Living God, Stone the builders rejected, Strength, Suffering Servant, Sun of Righteousness, Sure Foundation, Teacher, Transcendence, Truth, Undeified, Very present help, Vine, Way, Wonderful Counselor, Word of God, Word of Life, Worthy, Yahweh, Zactly what I need!*

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# CONTINUATION OF SERMON...

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

Philippians 4:6: "...with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

## GOING OFF SCRIPT...

### 1. Get right to the point!

*When you pray, do not keep on babbling (heaping up words) like pagans, thinking you will be heard because of your many words. Matthew 6:7*

### You do not need to pray for God "to be with" someone!

God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

"Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

## BE AN INTELLIGENT PRAYER AND GROW IN YOUR THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

## PRAYERS FILTERED THROUGH "SO THAT"

**Sobering passage:** "When you pray, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."  
James 4:3

Appropriate prayers... before work... before school... before surgery or during an illness... for a wayward child or a friend... for our church...

## WHAT HAPPENED?

*Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Your prayer to me about Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard... **The zeal of the Almighty God will accomplish this...** That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death 185,000 in the Assyrian camp. 2 Kings 19:20, 31, 35*

## HEZEKIAH EXEMPLIFIES PRAYERS...

Full of adoration! Vulnerable, intelligent, doctrinal, brief, sincere, right to the point, no showing off, with appropriate "so thats," and confidence that God will hear and be exalted in you and through His Church.

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