

The Prayer of a King

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.

Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon based on the material we have already read for the week. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

Israel's kings had led them into a lifestyle of idolatry to the point that God was bringing judgment. The capital of Israel, Samaria, had fallen into the hands of Assyria. Israel had gone into captivity. However, God had so far spared Judah. So far in the story not one monarch has met the author's high standards for a king: commitment to the Lord, rejection of idolatry, and removal of high places and all other remnants of idolatry. However, Hezekiah king of Judah, enters the story. This son of Ahaz, rejected his father's approach to religion and statesmanship. He was an Old Testament reformer. He rejected the pro-Assyrian foreign policy, which was the political equivalent of a pact with the devil. He was sensitive to Isaiah's prophetic word and he had an enormous personal relationship with the Lord.

In the 14th year of his reign, the king of Assyria attacked Judah. As he taunted Hezekiah, Hezekiah appealed to Isaiah the prophet who assured him that Assyria wouldn't harm Judah and return to his homeland. However, after the Assyrian army returned to their homeland, the king of Assyria sent a letter to taunt Hezekiah again (2 Kings 19:10-13). So what was Hezekiah to do? He did what any smart king would do. He prayed!

Hezekiah prayed in humility and trust to the Only God who could help him. And he did so all for the glory of the Lord's great name. We find in the New Testament that Hezekiah wasn't the only king who prayed this way. King Jesus also prayed in humility for the glory of the Lord's great name. Hezekiah's prayer is an example to us in how to pray. When we encounter difficult situations, we either will turn to the Lord in humility as Hezekiah did or we will trust in ourselves. We will pray for our own glory and greatness or the glory and greatness of the only One who deserves it. As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community examine how Hezekiah prayed. Do you pray this way? If not, why not? Start praying today the Prayer of a King!

Message Outline

Hezekiah prayed:

1. In humility and trust. (15)
 - The Lord of Hosts.
 - The Faithful God.
 - The Covenant King.
 - Sovereign over all.
 - Creator and Sustainer.
2. To the Only God Who could help. (16-18)
 - He hears.
 - He sees.
 - He lives.
3. Asking God to demonstrate His: (19)
 - Power.
 - Glory.

Therefore, as we pray, let's:

1. Humbly approach the throne of grace.
2. Remember He sees and hears our cry.
3. Ask Him to demonstrate His power and glory.

Let's TRUST Him:

- T – Take it before the Lord.
- R – Recognize the greatness of God.
- U – Unload the problem to God.
- S – Seek the help of God.
- T – Treasure the glory of God.

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to 2 Kings 19:14-19:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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• Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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• Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for new workers on the mission field.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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