

1. "SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER; FOR THOU SHALT DIE AND NOT LIVE." 2 Kings 20:1

1. A startling message for King Hezekiah. It is a solemn message for everyone.
2. It is a very solemn thing for a human soul to pass from time to eternity.
3. There is an hour of death in store for everyone of us. Somewhere in the unknown future there awaits for us: "THE SHADOW FEARED OF MAN."

2. THE TIME FOR PREPARATION IS NOW Can you say that you are prepared to meet death?

1. It is nowhere said:

1. "See that you make ready when death comes." Or,
2. "Look forward to being prepared for death."

2. It does urge:

1. "Be ready." Psalms 88:15; 2 Timothy 4:6.
2. "Prepare to meet thy God." Amos 4:11, 12; Luke 1:17
3. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Isa. 49:8; 2 Cor. 6:1,2.

HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER FOR LIFE. Heze. 20:1-3. It teaches us:

1. That we have some responsibility in prayer ourselves.

1. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed.
2. He did not request that Isaiah pray for him though Isaiah might have prayed for him.

2. God heard his prayer and answered his prayer with an extension of fifteen years more of life. 2 Kings 20:6

1. So far as we know, Hezekiah asked for nothing more than immediate escape from death.
2. It is not recorded that he asked for one year much less fifteen years of extended life.
  1. Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live was not a prophecy but a warning.
  2. It is parallel to that of Jonah to the Ninevites: Jonah 3:4; "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

HOW HEZEKIAH FARED IN THE FIFTEEN YEARS 2 Chron. 32:25

1. The sunshine of prosperity often more dangerous than the storms of adversity.

1. We can face the world's frowns but let the world smile fortune favor us; riches increase and few of us can stand the sunshine.

"IS IT NOT GOOD IF PEACE AND TRUTH BE IN MY DAYS?" 2Kings20:19

1. We care not about the calamities of future days if peace and truth can be in my life time.

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