

# **HEZEKIAH'S HEART DISEASE**

**II Kings 20:12-19**  
**With II Chronicles 32:24-31**

**Tonight we'll see how heart disease made a pious king proud.**

## **I. THE BASIS: Preliminary Conditions** (12)

### **A. BABYLONIAN RECOGNITION**

1. Their People: Foreign Diplomats
2. Their Pretense: Flattering Sympathy
3. Their Purposes
  - a. Inquire about the wonders (See 20:9-11)
  - b. Encourage an alliance between the two nations

### **B. DIVINE REVELATION - II Chron. 32:31**

1. God's Test: Find out how Hezekiah would react
2. God's Purpose: To know all that was in Hezekiah's heart

## **II. THE CRISIS: A Proud Heart** (13)

### **A. ATTENTIVENESS**

- Listening to the flatterers and pleased with the flattery - See Is. 39:2

### **B. OSTENTATION**

- Showing his wealth, weapons and worth

### **C. INGRATITUDE - II Chronicles 32:25**

- A sudden silence about God
- 1. Nothing said about his prayer (20:2-3)
- 2. Nothing said about God's prophet Isaiah (20:4)
- 3. Nothing said about God's provision (20:5-6)
- 4. Nothing is said about God's sign (20:9-11)
- 5. Nothing said about God's praise.
- 6. Nothing is said!

### III. **THE ANALYSIS: What Happened?** (14-15)

#### A. ISAIAH'S PROBING (14)

- Questioning the encounter and encouraging conviction

#### B. HEZEKIAH'S SHAMELESSNESS (15)

- Hiding nothing and sensing nothing

### IV. **THE DIAGNOSIS: Isaiah's Message** (16-18)

#### A. LISTEN TO GOD (16)

- While heeding the flattery of the foreigners he forgot to listen to his Father.

#### B. LEARN WHAT'S COMING (17-18)

1. Your property will become plunder (17)
2. Your sons will become servants (18) > See Daniel 1:1-3
3. Your "ally" will become your enemy

### V. **THE STATUS: Hezekiah's Response** (19)

A. SELFISH SHALLOWNESS? God's word is good because at least I won't have to suffer

B. SINCERE CONFESSION? - II Chron. 32:26

- His repentance averted God's immediate wrath

C. CONFUSING CONDITIONS: It seems he repented but some didn't sense or record it

- It's sometimes truly difficult to determine another's heart condition

### VI. **THE PRAXIS: Some Personal Applications**

- A. Be cautious during crisis: The outcome can have lasting impact
- B. Beware of flattery
- C. A life of piety is still susceptible to pride
- D. Remember and highly regard your deliverer
- E. Our goods are in god's hands
- F. Our sin affects others

**CONCLUSION:** What is your heart condition? Let us consistently pray Psalm 139:23-24