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NEWSLETTER

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HEZEKIAH'S TWITTER



TWITTER IS A POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM THAT MANY OF YOU USE. I'M NOT ADEPT AT SOCIAL MEDIA AND DO NOT USE IT, THOUGH I'M SURE IT IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. BECAUSE IT PROVIDES HIM WITH A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH THE PUBLIC, PRESIDENT TRUMP IS KNOWN FOR HIS FREQUENT TWEETS. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT LONG BEFORE OUR MODERN ERA PEOPLE WERE TWEETING? AT LEAST ONE IS RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE.

CONSIDER ISAIAH 38:14 "LIKE A SWALLOW, LIKE A CRANE, SO I TWITTER; I MOAN LIKE A DOVE; MY EYES LOOK WISTFULLY TO THE HEIGHTS; O LORD, I AM OPPRESSED, BE MY SECURITY." HEZEKIAH HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE PROPHET ISAIAH THAT HE WAS GOING TO DIE BUT AFTER PRAYING GOD SPARED HIM AND PROMISED HIM ANOTHER FIFTEEN YEARS. WHEN REVIEWING HIS EXPERIENCE HE OFFERS THE VERSE JUST SIGHTED. NOW SOME MIGHT ARGUE THAT HEZEKIAH DIDN'T ACTUALLY TWEET. THE ESV INDICATES THAT HE CHIRPED, AND THE NEW KING JAMES SAYS HE CHATTERED. THE HEBREW WORD IS "TSAPHAPH" AND TWITTER IS A GOOD TRANSLATION.

DID YOU NOTICE THE ACTUAL PRAYER THAT HEZEKIAH TWEETED TO GOD? "O LORD, I AM OPPRESSED, BE MY SECURITY." PRETTY SHORT ISN'T IT. NOT EVEN 140 CHARACTERS, ONLY 32. YOU SEE GOD CAN AND DOES HEAR EVEN SHORT PRAYERS DIRECTED TO HIM. THOUGH THERE IS CERTAINLY NOTHING WRONG WITH LENGTHY PRAYERS AND A DISCIPLINED PRAYER LIFE IS IMPORTANT, SHORT PRAYERS OR TWEETS GOD-WARD ARE GOOD.

NEHEMIAH INDICATES THAT HE OFFERED A VERY SHORT PRAYER WHEN THE KING, FOR WHOM HE WORKED ASKED WHAT HE WOULD LIKE FROM HIM. NEHEMIAH 2:4 SAYS "SO I PRAYED TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN," AND THE NEXT VERSE GOES ON TO TELL THAT FOR WHICH NEHEMIAH ASKED. I'M SURE THAT WHAT NEHEMIAH OFFERED WAS A VERY QUICK, UNDER HIS BREATH, TYPE OF PRAYER FOR WISDOM AND RIGHT WORDS. IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN SHORT.

JESUS PRAYED BRIEFLY ON THE CROSS. IN LUKE 23:34 HE SAYS, "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING." A LENGTHY PRAYER WAS NOT NEEDED. HE USED ONLY 52 CHARACTERS. FOR ANOTHER SHORT PRAYER CONSIDER ACTS 7:59. AS STEPHEN WAS DYING HE PRAYED "LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT!" NOW THAT'S A SWEET TWEET OF ONLY 27 CHARACTERS!

I THINK CHRISTIANS SHOULD TWITTER. NOT ON SOCIAL MEDIA BUT THROUGH OUR SAVIOR-MEDIA, PRAYING SHORT BUT POWERFUL PRAYERS.

LOOKING UP!

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