

Isaiah 38 & 39  
In God We Trust

God's purpose in illness – and other trials (38)

Hezekiah's prayer (1-3)

Responding to God's word (James 1:18, 21-22)

Remember O Lord my devotion to You (Psalm 18:24-27)

***Learning dependence on Him and the need to seek Him in our lives***

Hezekiah's provision from God (4-8, 21-22)

He sees and hears our cry (Genesis 16:13 / I Samuel 1:20)

He is gracious to us (Psalm 103:8-10)

He heals and reveals His plan (Ephesians 1:7-9)

***Seeing His hand in providing for me and desiring to follow His ways***

Hezekiah's praise (9-20)

Recognizing the hopelessness of our situation (Psalm 107:10-16)

Realizing the God is our only hope (Psalm 9:10)

Rejoicing in our suffering as we see His plan unfold (James 1:2-4)

***Praising Him for what He's done and understanding the He is my only hope (my all in all)***

Man's pride in miraculous healing (39) – the danger of miracles

***They create immediate awe, but usually only temporary change***

Believing I am special (I Corinthians 4:7; 10:12-13)

***Why was I the one chosen to experience this miracle?***

***Thinking of myself more highly than I ought (Rom. 12:3/I Corinthians 1:27-29)***

Boasting in my accomplishments (Jeremiah 9:23-24 / I Corinthians 1:28-31)

***As if I had anything to do with it (I Corinthians 4:7)***

Becoming focused on myself (I Corinthians 13:4-7 / Philippians 2:3-8)

***Love is not self-seeking (I Corinthians 13:5)***

***I need to develop an attitude of humility and service (John 13:13-17)***

## Discussion questions for Isaiah 38 & 39

Why does God allow illnesses and trials in our lives?

(John 9:1-3) **to display His glory**

(Romans 5:1-5; 8:26-32) **that we might grow in our character**

(Hebrews 12:11) **to discipline us**

Acts 5:38-42) **to share in His sufferings – for His Name sake**

(II Corinthians 1:3-11) **to prepare us for ministering to others**

What can we learn from Isaiah's prayer about approaching God with our needs and concerns?

(Psalm 102:1-2) **we need to cry out to Him**

(Judges 10:11-16) **we need to be devoted to Him**

(Hebrews 10:22) **we must come to Him with sincere hearts**

How should we respond when God answers our prayers?

(John 15:5) **acknowledge our helplessness without Him**

(Colossians 2:6-7) **renew our commitment to walk with Him**

(Hebrews 13:15) **praise and thank Him for His love and mercy**

(Philippians 2:1-2) **share with others the power and goodness of God**

Why do miracles not sustain a consistent walk with God?

(I Corinthians 11:24) **memory fades and miracles are not everyday events**

(Psalm 92:2 / John 15:7) **we need to be nourished by Him and His Word daily**

(Jude 20-21) **we should grow strong in our faith apart from experiencing miracles**

**(note: when we walk close with Him – we can experience the miracle of His presence every day)**

How can we become more consistent in our walk with God? (What changes do you need to make?)

(Psalm 5:1-3) **there should be a time and place we meet with God daily (Daniel 6:10)**

(Hebrews 13:5 / Colossians 3:1-4) **learning to walk in His presence**

(II Peter 3:18) **growing in the knowledge of His grace and love**

(John 14:15) **responding to His love in obedience**

(Romans 12:1) **daily surrendering our lives to Him**

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