

3. 'You, O Lord, are God Alone'

- Do you turn towards God only in difficult times or at all times?
- Read 2 Kings 19:14-19
- Hezekiah receives a politically explosive letter. What is his first response?
- What qualities does Hezekiah display in his attitude and actions?
- Do you agree with the statement below?

'Prayer : an act of ultimate trust & vulnerability'

[p. 562 NRSV Spiritual Formation Bible]

- Why does Hezekiah address his prayer in such a manner (verse 15)?
- What does Hezekiah ultimately ask of God (verse 19)?
- Does this remind you of another prayer (Matt. 6:9)?
- How might recognising God's greatness, help us as we seek God's will in our lives?
- Have you ever been in a difficult place where a major decision would have far reaching consequences?
- Hezekiah had not had an easy life. He had lived through many difficulties to reach a place of personal faith & trust in God. Is that your experience?
- How do life's difficulties encourage us to grow to faith?
- Pray for those facing life changing decisions at the moment - whether personally known to you or in wider society eg. In relation to COP 26 Conference, Government Policies etc.



2 Kings

Background

'Having conquered Israel, Assyria wanted to capture Judah. The nation was divided 3 ways: some wanted to give up to Assyria, others wanted to go to Egypt for help, and a minority wanted to trust the Lord for deliverance.'

[Warren Wiersbe : With The Word : Thomas Nelson : 1991]

Hezekiah is described as a King who trusts in God (2 Kings 18:5)

Hezekiah's prayer began with an acknowledgment that although Yahweh was enthroned between the cherubim in Jerusalem's temple, his presence and power were in no way limited. He was God over all the kingdoms of the earth and was the maker of heaven and earth (v15).

[Warren Wiersbe : Be Distinct : Victor Press : 2020]