

1. King Hezekiah's father, King Ahaz, was one of the most wicked men to walk the earth. Yet, Hezekiah is righteous and loves the Lord.
2. Scripture records that God blessed Hezekiah because he "clung" to Him. He served God with his whole heart and prospered as a result of his faithfulness.
3. The high-level of praise given to Hezekiah is conferred on only two other kings, Asa and Josiah. Remarkably, all three of these godly men had wicked fathers.
4. When Hezekiah's rule begins, he orders the cleansing of the Temple. He begins to turn the nation back to honoring God with the sole focus of demonstrating to God that they are committed to Him.
5. As part of his cleansing, Hezekiah has the bronze serpent, built by Moses, destroyed because it had been turned into an idol. As a result, God would move among and bless those who were loyal to Him once again.
6. The nation experienced a total and sudden result due to Hezekiah's devotion. Order is restored and God is at the center again.
7. Throughout his life, Hezekiah faithfully follows God's Word. Because of this obedience, Scripture states that "Yahweh was with him," a phrase used only one other time, referencing King David.
8. God gives new beginnings because He is the author of a fresh start.
9. While scripture acknowledges that Hezekiah was a good and godly man, we must remember he was not perfect. As the Son of God, Jesus is the only one who lived a perfect life, without any sin and is worthy of being lifted up to the degree of worship.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Dabaq** (daw-bak´); properly, to impinge (encroach), - cling or adhere; to cleave, follow close (hard after), be joined (together), overtake, pursue hard

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Every Step  
Yes I Will  
Holy Forever  
Goodness of God

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Hezekiah's father, King Ahaz was wicked, yet Hezekiah chose to follow the Lord. What does Hezekiah's story teach us about breaking free from negative family patterns or influences? How can we trust God to help us write a different story?

Scripture says Hezekiah "clung" to the Lord and was blessed because of his faithfulness. What does it look like to cling to God in our everyday lives, especially when life feels shaky or uncertain?

Only three kings (Asa, Josiah, and Hezekiah) were described with such high praise, and surprisingly, they all had wicked fathers. Why do you think God chose to highlight that detail? How can that encourage us when we feel like our circumstances are stacked against us?

Hezekiah destroyed the bronze serpent because it had become an idol. What are some "good things" in our lives that can slowly turn into idols? How do we keep even these "good things" in the right place?

When Hezekiah began his reign, he didn't just talk about honoring God, he immediately ordered the Temple be cleaned and restored. What's one area in your life where you feel God is nudging you to take action instead of just thinking or talking about it?

Hezekiah experienced God's blessing because of his faithfulness, but he still had moments of pride and failure later in life. How can we stay humble and dependent on God, even when things are going well or when we experience success?