

The Word of Defence

This week – We learn that if we are faithful, then God is for us and nothing can be against us.

**Hezekiah trusted in the LORD God of Israel ...
For he clave (clung) to the LORD,
and departed not from following Him,
but kept His commandments. 2 Kings 18 v5-6**

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Chronicles 29v1-11 (Hezekiah obeys the LORD)	
Monday	2 Chronicles 30v1-13 (He calls the people to worship)	
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 30v14-27 (Repentance before the LORD)	
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 31v1-8 (Their Idols destroyed)	
Thursday	2 Kings 18v1-14 (Hezekiah trusts in the LORD)	
Friday	2 Kings 19v1-19 (Hezekiah prays to the LORD)	
Saturday	2 Kings 19v20-37 (The Lord gives the victory)	

Important Lesson for us Today: *Why is it so important to 'put on' the whole Armour of God?*

*Please read Ephesians 6 v10-20. God has provided this armour, for every believer to wear, so that our souls can be protected against the 'wiles of the devil'. Satan, the enemy of our souls', does not want us to trust in God for the forgiveness of our sin. He does not want us to go to Heaven. So, we must wear the **cloak of truth** (integrity of heart), the **breastplate of righteousness** (from Christ), with our **feet shod with the Gospel of peace** (knowing forgiveness of sin); taking the **shield of faith**, (God's gift to us at conversion so we can repent and trust in Him); the **helmet of salvation** (protecting our mind); and the **sword of the Spirit** which is the **Word of God**; **praying in the Spirit** (seeking God's will); **always watching with all perseverance and supplication** (asking for help) **for all believers.***

To be on Christ's victory side we must live daily wearing His armour.

Hymn 479 - gaining the victory by wearing God's armour.

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| 1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son. | 2. Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror. |
| 3. Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God. | 4. To keep your armour bright,
Attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
And watching unto prayer. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

Hezekiah is Blessed as He Stands Firm for the LORD.

- **Introduction** – it is 681 BC. Israel, Judah - Divided Kingdoms about 930 BC.
 - **Both Were Under God's Judgement, Having Fallen Into Idolatry.**
 - In Jerusalem the Temple doors are shut. No worship of the Living God.
- **King Hezekiah, A Believer, Calls The People Back to Worship God.**
 - **The Temple, the Lord's House, is Re-opened. Worship is Re-started.**
 - Hezekiah calls the people to offer sacrifices and sing Psalms to God.
 - **Invitations Sent Out** by Hezekiah's 'postmen' to every part of Judah.
 - A mixed response – Many accept and come; some reject with scorn.

What is our response to God's call to repent, believe, obey, and worship Him?

- **The Passover Celebrated With Great Gladness and Enthusiasm.**
 - Sincere and earnest prayers were offered to the Lord. God heard them.
- **Idols Destroyed Throughout the Land as the People Turned Back to God.**
 - The People repented and smashed their altars and idols.

True believers destroy all the things which they used to love – their old 'idols'.

- **Giving To The Lord.**
 - The Lord blessed the people – with forgiveness and with plenty.
 - Gifts of corn, oil, honey, and animals were gladly brought to Jerusalem.

▪ **The Mighty King of Assyria, Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem.**

- **He Makes Increased Demands.**
 - He had overrun Israel in the north, Samaria captured. Jerusalem is next.
 - Approaching Jerusalem, he demands more money from Hezekiah.
- **He Undermines the Lord's Servants and Mocks The LORD.**
 - Persuasive messages are sent to threaten and frighten the people.

We must resist Satan, the enemy of our souls, and absolutely refuse to debate with him.

▪ **King Hezekiah's Response of Faith in the LORD.**

- **He Takes the Problem to the Lord in Prayer. 2 Kings 19v15-19.**
 - **Believing** - The Lord our God is with us to fight our battles.
 - **Prays** – "O Lord our God ... Save us out of his (Sennacherib's) hand."
- **The LORD Wonderfully Answers King Hezekiah's Prayer. 2 Kings 19v35.**
 - **The LORD Smites the Assyrian Camp at Night** – 185,000 men found dead.
 - **Sennacherib Escapes** – but is assassinated by two of his sons.

If only we would turn to Christ, fully trusting His Word, He will convert us, forgive us, keep us, and surprise us with so many blessings – both now and throughout eternity.

Paul wrote, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Ephesians 6 v10-11.