

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)

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)

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)

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

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

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

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

Discussion questions for Isaiah 38 & 39

Why does God allow illnesses and trials in our lives?

(John 9:1-3)

(Romans 5:1-5; 8:26-32)

(Hebrews 12:11)

Acts 5:38-42)

(II Corinthians 1:3-11)

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

(Psalm 102:1-2)

(Judges 10:11-16)

(Hebrews 10:22)

How should we respond when God answers our prayers?

(John 15:5)

(Colossians 2:6-7)

(Hebrews 13:15)

(Philippians 2:1-2)

Why do miracles not sustain a consistent walk with God?

(I Corinthians 11:24)

(Psalm 92:2 / John 15:7)

(Jude 20-21)

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

(Psalm 5:1-3)

(Hebrews 13:5 / Colossians 3:1-4)

(II Peter 3:18)

(John 14:15)

(Romans 12:1)