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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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If God Granted You Another Day...

2 KINGS 20:1-6 NKJV – (1) In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'" (2) Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, (3) "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. (4) And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, (5) "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. (6) And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David."

When King Hezekiah became sick, the prophet Isaiah told him that he would die. Hezekiah knew that there was still a lot of work to do in Judah. He wanted to help the country to be better. He wanted to teach the people to love God. He could not do that if he was dead! Hezekiah prayed that the Lord would give him a longer life. The Lord stopped Isaiah before he had even left Hezekiah's palace. He told Isaiah to go back and tell Hezekiah that he would live 15 more years.

I have a question for those who are reading this meditation. If God granted you another day, how would you utilize it? How would you glorify Him truthfully? He gave the King fifteen more years because he was sincere about helping his fellow brethren. Despite the infirmities, God granted him his wish because it would glorify God. What will you and I do if we are granted the first day in the New Year. Will we sleep in and call it a lazy day because we don't have to work? Therefore, I won't study his word because today is a free one. Will we watch the football games on television all day and give little to no honor to the one who even woke us up that day? I could go on, but instead I would rather you ponder on that question. "If God gave you another day....."

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 19:21

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Only Spiritual bread satisfies the hunger of the soul.

