



Part 7 Hezekiah to Malachi (End of the Old Testament)

INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

▶ God's Divine Drama of Salvation

Prologue – Genesis 1-11 (Man Can't Save Himself!)

- ❶ Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph (c. 200 Years)
- ❷ Egyptian Bondage/Slavery (400 Years)
- ❸ Moses & the Exodus (c.1450 BC)
- ❹ Desert "Honeymoon," Failure to Enter the Promise Land & 40 Years of Desert Wandering
- ❺ Joshua & Taking Possession of the Promise Land:
Radical Obedience ▶ Victory & Blessing
- ❻ Judges:
Spiritual Compromise ▶ Chaos, Curse & Defeat (c. 300 Years)
- ❼ United Kingdom: Saul (40) + David (40) + Solomon (40) = 120 Years
- ❽ Divided Kingdom: Rehoboam (Judah) & Jeroboam I (Israel)
- ❾ Fall of the 10 Northern Tribes of Israel to the Assyrians (722 BC)

FROM HEZEKIAH TO MALACHI / THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- ▶ Lesson #1: God's warning signs are acts of mercy & we should heed them.
- ▶ Lesson #2: You can undo a lot of spiritual progress very quickly.
- ▶ Lesson #3: You are not simply a product of your past.
- ▶ Lesson #4: There is a limit to God's patience.
- ▶ Lesson #5: Just because God's people blow it does not mean that God is dead.
- ▶ Lesson #6: Satan will do his best to try to stop or impede the work of God.
- ▶ Lesson #7: God always keeps His promises !

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of February 19-25, 2017

Route 66 Series

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2 Kings 18 – Malachi

Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for His patience and for never forgetting His people despite our spiritual ups and downs. Ask Him to guide your discussion.

MY STORY

Has there ever been something that shook your faith to the core? What was it and how did you respond? Knowing what you know now, what would you have done differently?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What from Sunday's message gave you new insight into God's favor, patience, and/or judgment?
2. If a person has a sincere faith in God, what qualities/attributes would you expect to see in his or her life?
3. Read **2 Kings 18:1-8**. According to these verses what qualities marked King Hezekiah's life and provided strong evidence that he was a man of God?
4. Unlike Hezekiah who walked with the Lord, his son Manasseh revolted from his good example. According to **2 Kings 21:1-9** what specific evil did he do?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

5. Read **2 Kings 22:1-2, 8-13; 23:1-3**. The final good king in Judah was Josiah. What impact did the Word of God have on him, and what did he do to be sure the people heard it?

6. Read **2 Timothy 2:15**. Thinking about the example of Josiah, what challenge does this passage give to us today?
7. Briefly describe four of the many reforms Josiah made in Judah according to the following verses. How does removing negative cultural influences affect us inwardly?
2 Kings 23:4
2 Kings 23:15
2 Kings 23:21
2 Kings 23:24
8. Even with the reforms of Josiah, God still planned to send Judah into Babylonian captivity? What do the following verses reveal about God's reasons for pouring out His judgment? What can we learn from this?
2 Kings 23:26,27
2 Kings 24:3,4

TAKING IT HOME

1. When does the Word of God grip your heart most and make you want to follow God closely?
 - a. During your own times of study when you take time to meditate on the Word
 - b. When someone preaches a great sermon and gives you new insights
 - c. During times of personal prayer
 - d. When you attend a retreat and are immersed in the Word
 - e. All the Above
 - f. Other.....
2. What are you doing or could you do this week to put yourself in places where the Word of God touches your heart?
3. Are there any areas in your life where you are testing God's patience? What do you need to change in order to move into His favor?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and spend time asking God to help you be a person who lives in God's light and favor.