

23-Isaiah-59-Transcript

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well greetings brethren hopefully you
can hear me clearly maybe you could just
go ahead and type in the chat

that i am coming through clearly i have
to say that i have mixed feelings about
this study this evening

uh on the one hand i'm always uh
rejoicing whenever we can dive into
god's word together and on the other
hand i have to acknowledge a bit of
sadness

as we come to the end

of our study

of the book of isaiah oh thank you
seeing i'm coming through loud and clear
thank you so much

i as i said i'm just feeling a tinge of
sadness

can you believe that we began to study
this book together

three years ago almost to the day it was
october 2018

that we began the study of the book of
isaiah and we've been studying it
together for now three years isaiah

feels like a friend that feels like

just a comfort to us as he's given us so
much understanding of what is going on
in the world around us and nevertheless

we want to continue our study we do want
to conclude uh the book this evening uh
covering chapters 38

and 39

the book has 66 chapters for those of
you maybe who are just joining us we
actually began in what's called second
isaiah with chapter 40

to chapter 66 so that's already in the

archive if you missed that i would
certainly encourage you to go into the
archives and study those chapters
and now this brings to conclusion first
isaiah which we'll also add to the
archives and we'll also add to the line
upon line bible academy we're taking all
of these studies these different books
that we're studying where we're going
through a line up online and converting
it into more or less an online
bible

correspondence or bible video course for
people to take it in small chunks test
their understanding and grow in grace
and knowledge of our lord jesus christ
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initiative there the website is
lineuponlinebibleacademy.com very easy
site to share with your friends and
family and colleagues let's open with a
word of prayer

then we'll conclude
isaiah this evening

our heavenly father we come before you
lord god almighty
just ever so grateful because we know
that you provide
what we need

as we need it

and certainly father this
pivotal book

of isaiah especially when we combine it
with

genesis and the book of revelation and
everything in between we really come to
understand your will and your zeal
and we pray father that we would be
conformed to your will to your zeal and
to the mind of your son and our savior
jesus christ we pray father that you'll
bless

tonight's study and that you will just
help us pray god almighty to

act upon our understanding we praise you
and thank you we ask this in jesus name
amen

so thank you very much brethren
and what we'll do here

is um

we will

go back just to pick up the tail end
of chapter 37

let me share my screen here

and just just the gist of it in fact

even before we go here let's just maybe

just do a quick review

of

first isaiah

the first six chapters

are really the introduction of the book

and really stating the case

that god has against his people it's a

vision that he's given to isaiah against

his own people

judah and specifically jerusalem

and we come to understand that these

people the covenant people

suffer from the sin of pride and they're

stubborn and rebellious even though

they're his covenant people

and that culminates then in the calling

of isaiah and the beginning of his

ministry

which he begins with his people being

under a curse

that despite his ministry they're not

going to understand until the

abomination that makes judah desolate

then we go from chapter 7

all the way to chapter 35

where we are seeing the playing out

of this lack of trust in god and this

pride

not only in judah and jerusalem but also

in

samaria the kingdom to the north and

also in the gentiles

that this this sin of pride which is the sin of satan plagues all mankind and then we see the fruit of that with these judgments these terrible judgments again not only upon his people for their pride of judah and jews and samaria but also upon all the gentiles so we see these terrible judgments pronounced on the gentile nations as well all because of pride that takes us up to chapter 35.

last couple of weeks now last week we looked at chapter 36 and 37 and this week 38-39 in 36-37

we see a contrast in chapter 7 we saw the behavior of king ahaz

and in chapter

36 last week

we see the behavior of his son hezekiah total contrast

king ahaz did not trust god at all

and he preferred to turn to assyria for help and and and to rely on the syria against the uh

northern kingdom and their partnership with syria

so we saw that in chapter seven

even though

the offer of god's help was there god was willing to show him a sign that he would support him he didn't want god

now we see hezekiah his son behaving in the exact opposite way he actually trusts god so we see we see this trust

uh that i that

hezekiah has

in god in the god of judah and just sets a wonderful wonderful example

and and because of that now we'll come to uh chapter

37 which we covered last week but just sort of the gist of chapter 37

let me just share my screen here

that the gist of it

we see here uh so if we can just
culminate what do we get from from the
chapter he says
and this verse 30 shall be the sign unto
you which again he he was given this
sign this now is the sign you shall eat
this year such as grows of itself so you
just survive on the land and the second
year that which springs of the same and
in the third year
you will sow and reap and plant
vineyards and eat the fruit thereof so
this is all you really you'll be freed
in the third year of this threat
and the remnant that is escaped of the
house of judah shall again take root
downward and bear fruit upward this is
fascinating
these people this tribe has been on the
earth for thousands of years
with tremendous forces of evil against
them right against them trying to
eliminate them and all these nations
come and go they disappear we can't find
traces of them anywhere but this tribe
remains
and here we see god acting
supernaturally to ensure that they
escape from assyria and that they take
root downward and bear fruit upward and
and still to this day
despite even the recent holocaust
we still have these people on the earth
and now we see this uh growing islamic
anti-semitism
gaining tremendous momentum
and with a great will and desire to
destroy and remove these people from
earth
god won't allow it
they are his elect
and then he says for out of jerusalem
shall go forth a remnant
and they that escape out of mount zion

the zeal of the lord of hosts shall do
this
so if we want to understand what is
god's excitement what is his zeal what
is he pulling off
you know
we talk about the zeal or he talks about
the zeal of the lord as well in isaiah 9
what is that all about
because if we're his people we should be
excited about what he's excited about so
this is the zeal of the lord of hosts
that shall do this
therefore thus says the lord concerning
the king of assyria
and then when we trust god he looks
after us and he looks after our enemies
according to his will
hezekiah trusted god and now god is
acting on behalf of hezekiah therefore
thus says the lord concerning the king
of assyria he shall not come into this
city
nor shoot an arrow there nor come before
it with shields
nor cast a bank against it by the way
that he came
by the same shall he return and shall
not come
into this city says the lord
for i will defend this city to save it
for my own sake
and for my servant david's sake
and we see in matthew 24 that
these servants of god
sort of the
representatives of the prophecies of
isaiah in the end time these servants of
god
god says to them you will be persecuted
and hated by all nations for my name's
sake
and here we see the zeal of the lord
is based on saving these people for his

own sake
and for his servant david's sake there's
there's a a promise that he's made that
he's going to fulfill and this is still
true to this day there's no escaping
from the plan of the lord from the
council of the lord so so with that is
sort of the backdrop from chapters 36
and 37 where there's this incredible
existential threat
and hezekiah
instead of panicking and running to
egypt or running to any other gentile
nation he took all these letters and he
just spread them before the the lord of
israel the god of israel and he appealed
to him and god says yes i will defend
you so this is king hezekiah
tremendous king and sort of we sort of
these opening bracket closing bracket on
this uh chapters 37 architecture chapter
7 to 37
we open with the
faithlessness
of king ahaz
and we close with the faithfulness
of his son hezekiah
now
hezekiah was such a remarkable figure
such a faithful king
that
one could begin to believe
maybe this is messiah maybe this is the
promised king
and so isaiah is going to make this very
clear
don't think that for a minute
no matter how remarkable
a human being may be
no matter how faithful
a human being may be
is still a human being
and so here we have this remarkable man
with remarkable understanding and

insight and faithfulness and and a great
example and and and turning the the
rebellious nation back to god after the
rule of king ahaz
now isaiah is going to show us
it's still just a human being we're
dealing with
so what happens here
in chapter 38
verse 1
in those days
was hezekiah sick unto death so we all
get sick because sickness and in fact
right now we're quite familiar with this
with this pandemic of the covet
19 virus
which initially had a 99.9 recovery rate
was like a bad cold or a bad flu
now it's
we're seeing
variants
that are becoming very deadly
however
when people get coveted it's really not
stick on to death necessarily a lot of
people get it bounce back and move on
somehow it's turned into this
major
initiative
for the various governments of the world
but i think we're all familiar with this
concept of being sick
versus being sick unto death so so he
had something we don't know what it is
we're going to learn later on there are
boils on his skin
but he's some kind of sickness that he
knows he's going to die
and isaiah the prophet the son of amaz
came unto him and said to him
thus says jehovah this is a thus saith
the lord
set your house in order
for you shall die

and not live
so this is it this is the sickness
that's going to take you take you down
and out
then hezekiah turned his face toward the
wall
and prayed unto the lord
so far so good
so
this you know assyria came
and this is an existential threat he
turned to the lord
now personally he's being challenged
with this
deadly illness
and he turns to the lord and prays
and he said this
remember now oh lord i beg you
how i have walked before you in truth
and with a perfect heart
hopefully
if we are stricken with an illness
to death that we could turn to god and
say the same thing say god remember me
how i've walked before you in truth with
a perfect heart
and i've done that which is good in your
sight amazing that's quite some level of
confidence this man could have because a
lot of the kings certainly all the kings
of israel
and some half of the kings of judah the
evaluation of their reign was that they
did evil in the sight of the lord here
has a kind of nose i did what was
pleasing to you god with a perfect heart
i did which was good in your sight and
then
he wept sore
now
why did this affect him so much as a man
of god
uh it's kind of surprising to me today
actually to see

how panicked
christians are over death
like
isn't that the whole point of following
christ that we
take hold lay hold on eternal life
and yet this whole um pandemic and the
hysteria
that goes along with it and the death
count constantly in front of us
and and constant news of more cases more
deaths
we've seen hysteria
in the
christian community
which is surprising
we of all people on earth
should be should have a sense of
calmness and resolve
around our mortality because the whole
point of us turning to christ is we want
to live with him eternally and yet many
christians panic
and so something with hezekiah
despite his understanding
caused him to panic over his death now
we're going to learn
actually it's not here it's in um the
corresponding
uh narrative
in first kings 20 and 21 but there we
see
that when hezekiah finally died he was
he's going to be given an extra 15 years
but we see when he finally died and his
son takes over that his son was just 12
years old
when he began to reign this is manasseh
so his son manasseh takes over the
throne at 12 years old
hezekiah was given an extra 15 years
that means it was another three years
from this point when he's his life is
spared that he went another three years

before he had an heir to the throne so
so maybe part of his heartache
was the fact that he had no air
and that these promises
of the loyalty to
king the day the house of david maybe
this was part of his grief not sure
but he certainly took this
in a way to me that it's a bit
questionable why would such a faithful
man of god
be so afflicted
by the concept of his mortality
mind you maybe there's a lot now that we
understand that they didn't understand
at this time
then came the word of the lord to isaiah
saying so based on hezekiah's prayer and
reaching out to god now this revelation
comes to isaiah saying
go
and say to hezekiah
thus says the lord so the lord said one
thing
now the lord is changing his mind now
this is not to be confused with what we
see
i believe it's in
amos i might be mistaken there but he
says
um
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and actually maybe it's malachi sorry he
says
that i the lord change not
therefore you sons of jacob are not
destroyed so on the one hand he says
through malachi i don't change
and yet here we can read very plainly in
isaiah that he changed his mind so how
do we resolve this
a lot of people when they read the
passage in malachi that i am the i the
lord change not

especially the greek philosophers they
get into this sort of metaphysical the
unchangeable god and the the first mover
the unchangeable mover and get into this
deep philosophy but that's not at all
what god was saying through malachi
what he was saying through malachi and
what he's been saying from genesis all
the way to revelation and certainly we
see it all the way through isaiah is
that he's faithful to his promises
he's faithful to his covenant because
he's entered into a covenant an eternal
covenant with jacob
their evil
they will not be destroyed
because once he covenants he doesn't
change his mind he's not like us i'm
going to marry you then i'm going to
divorce you i'm going to marry somebody
else i just change my mind
this is not the way the lord behaves
once he covenants that's it
so the covenant is forever
that's why the sons of jacob despite
their debauchery and evil that's why
they're not destroyed so the fact here
similar to abraham when moises
when they pleaded with god god changed
his mind
god can change his mind and he can
respond to our prayers
so first thus says the lord you're going
to die
now based on hezekiah's prayer thus says
the lord
the god of david your father
i've heard your prayer
and i've seen your tears
behold
i will add unto your days 15 years
so this is a direct response this is the
god who answers prayer
and and sometimes we may be praying and

feel that our prayers are not answered
in fact pastor murray has a habit
actually of always saying to us
god answers prayer
it may not be the answer that we're
looking for but he always answers
so we need to have this confidence in
this relationship with god knowing he
hears our prayers and he answers our
prayers
so here he says i heard your prayer i've
seen your tears behold i will add on to
your days 15 years
and i will deliver you
and this city
out of the hand of the king of assyria
and i will defend this city
and this shall be a sign unto you from
the lord that the lord will do this
thing as he has spoken so now god wants
to give him this confidence the same way
he wanted to do to his father
king ahaz i wanted to give him a sign
that he'd know
here he's giving king hezekiah a sign
behold
i will bring again
the shadow of the degrees
which has gone down in the sundial of
ahaz or the sundial that king has made
i will bring it 10 degrees backward
so the sun returned 10 degrees
by which degrees it was gone down now
that's something that we know god is
doing so no man can do this so hezekiah
would see this and know that wow i'm
going to live another 15 years
similarly
in matthew 24
when christ tells us when he's asked by
his disciples well what's the sign of
your coming
and he basically says
don't

be deceived by people who are trying to
tell you i'm here or i'm returning and
they don't know what they're talking
about they're false prophets and false
teachers he basically says this
when you see signs in the heavens
the stars and the moon and the sun
things that man cannot
orchestrate
that's when you know
that's the sign i'm doing this
so here this is something that only god
can do
and hezekiah can now have confidence
now because of this answer
we now see
a psalm from king hezekiah and so i
should have mentioned at the beginning
as well so we'll conclude tonight with
the book of hezekiah
next week god willing pastor murray is
going to join me and we're just going to
have a live q a so we'll just extend the
study of isaiah another week
so any questions that you've had as
we've gone through over the past three
years
this this wonderful amazing scroll
of isaiah please uh share them with us
you can email us ahead of time or even
on the night we'll take your questions
live
just feel feel free to share your
questions with us and we'll have a very
hopefully robust discussion uh to
finally bring to the conclusion the book
but the formal study of isaiah will then
this evening we'll do a q a next week
and pastor murray god willing will join
me there so now and as i mentioned that
to say then after that
we will return to the book of psalms
so i believe we have one more book to
get through in the book of psalms book

five we'll go through that
and i also want to look at the
contemporaries
of isaiah during the feast we looked at
micah who was a contemporary in the
south but also the prophets amos and
hosea were also contemporaries with
isaiah focused more on the northern
tribes and so god willing will take a
look at those books as well
i would love to get into ezekiel
another big book could take us a few
years to get through but for now i'll
hold off on that
god willing psalms and then
amos and hosea
so here's a psalm now from king hezekiah
the writing of hezekiah king of judah
when he had been sick
and was recovered of his sickness so
this is islam
i said in the cutting off of my days i
shall go to the gates of the grave i am
deprived of the residue of my year so
just coming to
terms
with his mortality
as we all must death is an enemy
death is an enemy our dear sister uh
mary bradar
recently lost her battle
with cancer and now she sleeps and we
await her resurrection and please pray
for her her husband who survives her
brother joe
very faithful man but death is an enemy
this is a painful thing couples who've
been together for decades close close
together and one is torn away
please remember him
in your prayers and his family
death is an enemy and so here hezekiah
is coming to terms with his mortality
he said

i shall not see the lord and again he
wept bitterly
and why
well maybe here's part of it he said i
shall not see the lord even jehovah
in the land of the living so he
understood isaiah's prophecies he was
very faithful he behaved based on the
teachings of isaiah very faithful to
these teachings of the lord and he fully
expected
to see the messiah come into the land as
as
isaiah prophesied so this was his
expectation and now
he's kind of caught off guard
that he's going to be cut off and he's
not going to see
the messiah in the land of the living
i shall behold man no more with the
inhabitants of the world okay i'm out
i'm not going to participate
in terms of what's going on on the earth
anymore
my age is departed
and is removed from me as a shepherd's
tent
so they would understand as a shepherd
sets up tent when it's time to take it
down it's all taken down i have cut off
like a weaver my life
he will cut me off with pining sickness
from day even tonight
will you make an end of me so he
realizes this sickness is not going away
he's going into the grave and there's no
more counting of days it's over
i reckoned till morning
that as a lion so will he break all my
bones so that whatever this sickness is
he's just seeing he's falling apart he's
processing this it's amazing you know
it's uh it's like aging sometimes you
might see a very old man or a very old

woman especially those of you who might
be very young and you see a very aged
person

but that person doesn't feel like an
aged person in in their mind
they feel the same they're just much
older maybe their body's a bit weaker
but they feel like the same person
here

he is realizing his body's falling apart
but he's still able to think clearly and
and like he's still hezekiah just that
his body is collapsing on him and he's
he's meditating on this all through the
night

and seeing how the sickness is going to
destroy him

he says like a crane or a swallow
so did i chatter i did mourn as a dove
my eyes fail with looking upward o lord
i am oppressed

undertake for me so he was in real real
grief

over this deathly illness

what shall i say

he has both spoken unto me
and himself has done it so this is seen
that this is a judgment from god that he
is going to die i shall go softly all my
years in the bitterness of my soul

so this seems like uh

as he's coming to terms with this
he's going to be very careful in how he
goes forward just meditating
on this

great illness

oh lord

by these things men live

and in all these things is the life of
my spirit

so will you recover me

and make me to live so now he's
realizing god is intervening and is
going to

save his life
behold for peace i had great bitterness
but you have in love to my soul
delivered it from the pit of corruption
so this illness was corruption it's just
his body's
decaying
and yet god in his love for him has
delivered him from this pit of decay
for you have cast all my sins
behind your back so this he whatever he
did he sees god has forgiven him and
it's put behind him and is restoring his
life
and then he says this and this is a
quite an understanding
you know hezekiah wasn't expecting to go
to heaven and sit on a cloud and praise
god forever
he understood he was dying and he
understood exactly
what death meant and he was a king he so
always
constantly following the teachings of
the great prophet isaiah
no doubt the prophet micah
and
had access to the scriptures
and he understood death you knew what it
meant you're going to die for the grave
cannot praise you
death
cannot celebrate you so there's nobody
in the grave praising you lord
they that go down into the pit
cannot hope
for your truth
so very very clear understanding
that death
is the cessation of life
and every false religion
teaches
that when you die
just as satan taught eve

when you die you don't really die
when you die you just keep on living in
another form
hezekiah understood the scriptures
when you're dead
life ceases that's what death is the
cessation of life
they that go down into the pit cannot
hope for your truth
the living
the living he shall praise you
as i do this day
the father to the children shall make
known your truth
so the praise comes from a living man
and as he had children he's like i'm
going to teach them to praise you now
unfortunately his son manasseh
turns out to be a wicked king who turns
back to the ways of ahaz
but nevertheless it's clear
hezekiah is going to spend his time
praising god
the lord was ready to save me
therefore we will sing my songs to the
stringed instruments
all the days of our life
in the house of the lord and so much in
this way of god involves singing we saw
i believe it was last week how god
himself is going to sing over his people
and here we see hezekiah this righteous
king is saved by god and he's going to
put this this joy that he has in the
lord to music with stringed instruments
very i mentioned this because we want to
be very very clear
the god of the bible
and the god of the quran have nothing to
do with each other except that they're
adversarial to each other the god of the
quran is a is an adversary to the god of
the bible and the god of the quran hates
music

the prophet muhammad suffered from epilepsy and therefore he couldn't have dogs near him because if they just suddenly started barking that could trigger an epileptic seizure so he hated dogs dogs were evil and had to be killed and he hated music for the same reason music could trigger an epileptic seizure and so this god of the quran bans music the god of the bible loves music it's not the same god

verse 21 for isaiah had said
let them take a lump of figs
and lay it for a plaster upon the boil
and he shall recover so this is how we see this sickness maybe it's something like what happened to job but it certainly was some kind of affliction in his body and his body was decaying but this is what isaiah said he should do to get a lump of figs and lay it for a plaster on the boil and miraculously he'll recover

hezekiah also had said what is the sign that i shall go up to the house of the lord so hezekiah wanted some evidence that his prayer was in fact going to be answered there's more detail of this event

in second kings 20 but i just want to read a part of second kings 20 just to bring out a little bit more detail around this sign it says here in 2nd kings 20 and verse 7
and isaiah said
take a lump of figs
and they took and laid it on the boil
and he recovered so hezekiah would have had
attendance and they're the ones taking the lump of figs and putting it on the boil and he recovered
and hezekiah had said unto isaiah what shall be the sign that the lord will

heal me
and that i shall go up into the house of
the lord the third day
and isaiah said
this sign shall you have of the lord
that the lord will do the thing that he
has spoken
shall the shadow go forward 10 degrees
or go back 10 degrees you choose
and hezekiah answered and said
it's a light thing for the shadow to go
forward 10 degrees
no but let the shadow return backward 10
degrees a little bit more detail than
what we see in the scroll of isaiah
so
god actually offered him a choice
and he chose the more difficult thing
just so that he could be absolutely sure
he was going to escape this illness
and isaiah the prophet cried unto the
lord
and he brought the shadow 10 degrees
backward
by which it had gone down into the dial
of ahaz
at that time baradak baladan the son of
balladan king of babylon
sent letters and a present unto hezekiah
now it's important for us to understand
that at this time
babylon is really nothing
the superpower on the earth at this time
is assyria
and babylon is not something much to
worry about
and so now babylon is starting to emerge
but this
distant
nation
heard
of the king's sickness
and he sent letters and a present unto
hezekiah for he had heard that hezekiah

had been sick so let's go back now to
the scroll of isaiah
where we just saw that little bit of
extra detail
in second kings the historical record
but let's go back to isaiah where we're
going to see the same passage
verse 1 of now chapter 39
at that time
muradak baladan the son of baladan king
of babylon sent letters
and a present to hezekiah for he had
heard that he had been sick and was
recovered
and hezekiah
he was thrilled about this letter these
letters and this gift
and he showed and so the people came and
he showed them the house of his precious
things so they're coming with this gift
in these letters and he's just over the
moon
remember
the whole problem we're seeing in the
book of isaiah
is this problem of pride
that we saw that with that's the root
cause of the problem with israel it's
the root cause of the problem with judah
it was the root cause of the problem
with king has is the root cause of the
problem with all of the gentile nations
and despite this righteous king
despite his faithfulness
we're seeing pride again
and so we almost got caught up with a
human being
but thanks to the way isaiah is
structured now he's going to end first
isaiah showing us that even this
faithful human being
is afflicted by pride therefore he's not
the answer and therefore we go into
second isaiah beginning in chapter 40

through to chapter 66 where we come to
learn of the true answer
the true
messiah
the one who is the opposite of pride
and because of that the one who is able
to come as the
lamb
to save his people so here we see this
righteous king who's performed so well
now
we see his
his seduction by flattery we all want to
feel important we all want to be
appreciated and we can if we're not
careful we can succumb to flattery
as did hezekiah
so he was happy of their visit and their
gifts and he showed them the house of
his precious things the silver and the
gold and the spices and the precious
ointment and all the house of his armor
and all that was found in his treasures
is like hey look at me i really am
wonderful and thank you so much for this
attention
there was nothing in his house
nor in all his dominion
that hezekiah
showed them not
like they're just they're taking notes
okay really what else do you have here
and uh he was just really enjoying the
praise and the attention
then came isaiah the prophet unto king
hezekiah
and said unto him
what said these men these foreigners
that came to you what did they say
and and from where did they come to you
and hezekiah said
they came
from a far country
unto me

all the way from babylon they came to
see me
because they heard i was sick
and they brought gifts and a really kind
letter
they came from a far country unto me
even from babylon
then said he
what did they see in your house
and hezekiah answered
all that is in my house have they seen
there is nothing among my treasures that
i didn't show them
i was just so happy that they came i
showed them everything
then said isaiah to hezekiah
hear the word of the lord of hosts
behold
the days come
that all that is in your house
and that which your fathers have laid up
in store until this day so this entire
wealth
that you as a nation
have accumulated
all of it
shall be carried to babylon
this next emerging
world empire
you're going to be a victim of babylon
so yes i saved you from assyria
but it's not the sort of one saved
always saved
yes i saved you from assyria
but if you depart from me that's okay i
can raise up babylon and deal with this
unfaithfulness
and that which your fathers have laid up
in store until this day shall be carried
to babylon
nothing shall be left says the lord
and of your sons that shall issue from
you
which you shall beget

shall they take away
and they shall be eunuchs in the palace
of the king of babylon so
they're going to take and castrate your
sons
and and just have them as slaves serving
the king of babylon
then listen to hezekiah's response
listen to listen to this response from
hezekiah
he says
then said hezekiah to isaiah and it's
almost like he's saying the quiet part
out loud here
he says
good
is the word of the lord which you have
spoken it's almost like eli
when he heard the word of the lord and
just accepted it he says good is the
word of the lord which you have spoken
and then he says the quiet part out loud
he said moreover
for there shall be peace
and truth in my days so it's like okay
this calamity although it's going to
come upon my people upon my nation upon
my issue
at least it's not going to come upon me
so there really was again wonderful
wonderful man
remarkable king
a tremendous king
so we have a lot that we are grateful
to hezekiah for
at the same time a human being and
that's really why we have to go through
line upon line so we can just see and
understand what is this message that
isaiah is bringing to us
and here what we see very clearly
is there's a root
problem in man
and it's pride

and despite this incredible performance
and of faithfulness of hezekiah these
babylonians came
and flattered him and because of his
pride
he was just easily seduced
the same thing is happening today
so we've got to ask ourselves as
christians
are we easily seduced
can people come along and tell us things
like our lives matter and we're just
easily seduced
do we have this same problem of pride
because just like hezekiah god means to
stamp it out
and either we can fast and pray and and
and work on getting this out ourselves
going through annually the days of
unleavened bread and really taking to
heart
this this unleavened approach to life
or we can be crushed by the babylonians
by the assyrians and so when god now
moves we there's one narrative in the
bible
and so when god now moves to
crush his people judah and israel in
this end time
we are on this earth and as we go about
doing god's work
we can very much be caught up
in all of this
and the question is are we all about
exalting christ
no matter what do your worst we're just
going to do our best to exalt christ
or
are we going to be easily seduced are we
going to be offended easily offended and
turn away from god
because of pride in fact pastor murray
gave a fantastic sermon just this past
sabbath

where he actually talks about this the
tool of the devil
to speak into our self-interest
and seduce us this way
that the battle
is really a game star self-interest
because that's the that's the device
that satan uses so next week pastor
murray will join me and hopefully uh
brethren you have enjoyed
this study as much as i have as i say
really it's i just got used to being in
isaiah and now it comes to a close but
no no worry
we can take all of these lessons
from
this great prophet
and take them into the next book that we
study we're going to return to psalms
and then god willing after returning to
psalms we're going to look at the
prophets amos
and hosea god willing and then we'll see
where we go from there so brethren uh
thank you so much
for joining me and those of you who i
know have been with us for over three
years now
studying this book thank you so much
hope that you have been edified by it
and i look forward next week for you to
interact with us
live
sharing with us your questions and your
comments and thoughts on this wonderful
book
god is faithful
and that's what we see
that it doesn't matter
what men do
god doesn't change in his faithfulness
so we can trust him we can rely on him
that's the fundamental lesson that we
take from this wonderful wonderful

prophet of isaiah god bless you brethren
jesus is lord he's faithful we eagerly
anticipate his return god bless
you