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Isaiah 38:2, *“Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.”*

In Isaiah 38 we are told that king Hezekiah was sick unto death. Hezekiah was told to set his house in order, that he was going to die. Hezekiah was distressed and cried until the LORD.

The LORD heard his prayer and said He would add fifteen years to his life. Hezekiah asked how he knew this would be and was asked if the shadow of the sundial should move forward or backwards. He said it was a light thing to move the shadow forward but move it backwards. The LORD had the sun’s shadow move backwards to show Hezekiah that this would indeed come to pass.

No doubt fifteen years seemed like a good long extension to the life of Hezekiah. I’m sure these fifteen years passed much more

quickly than he had ever imagined they would.

Reading about this event in the life of Hezekiah makes me wonder if he would have been better off not having these fifteen years added to his life. During these extra fifteen years, Hezekiah had visitors come to him because he had been sick and recovered. Gifts were brought to him from the king of Babylon, who was named Merodachbaladan. (Ironically, in English the name of the king is 15 letters long, which is the number of years added to Hezekiah’s life.)

When they came to see Hezekiah he showed them all the treasures of his house. We are told there was nothing in his house or dominion that he did not show them

Isaiah came and asked him about these visitors and what all they had seen. Hezekiah told him they had seen everything. Isaiah then told Hezekiah that everything in his house would be carried to Babylon. He was also told that his sons would be eunuchs in the house of the king of Babylon.

The LORD was obviously displeased with Hezekiah showing everything in his house. We are not told why, but there are reasons why the LORD would have been displeased. Showing all of one’s goods can be a showing of pride. It’s vaunting one’s self up. Perhaps Hezekiah would have been much better off to thank the visitors and tell them of what the LORD had done for him, instead of showing the things he had.

There are great lessons we can learn from this account of Hezekiah. The LORD has blessed us abundantly. Let’s give humble thanks for the things we have and use our abundance to the glory of the LORD and furthering His kingdom.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Michael Fulkerson**, the brother of Joyce Dye has very serious congestive heart failure. **John Mark Thrasher**, son of Alice Thrasher, had a skating board accident yesterday. He suffered a broken collar bone and had to have some stitches.

—The congregation here sent \$1000 worth of food, water, personal items, etc. to the Houston area to some suffering from the results of hurricane Harvey. We sent the items by **Matthew Franklin**, the son of Stewart and Sharon. He is an engineer who travels to that area often with his work. His wife's family is from that area.

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When we have things such as houses and automobiles, people are naturally going to see them. Let's never be showy. To show things with an attitude of pride is sinful. It not only vaunts ourselves up, but for our friends and family who may not have some of the things we have, it makes them feel bad.

The LORD doesn't mind us having the treasures we have, for He is the one who has blessed us with them. He does care how are hearts are toward our treasures. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34, "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*"

We are focused so much in our society on health in order to live longer without concern for godly living. It's natural to want to have as many years here as possible. As we see from Hezekiah, a longer life doesn't necessarily mean a better life. The best life here is to live faithfully to the LORD. That will lead to life eternal.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, September 3, 2017		
Classes	21	I Thessalonians 5:17-18
Preaching	31	1 to 25 in the Bible (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary here)
Contribution	\$668.00	
Evening	29	Singing - Psalm 41:1-13
Wednesday, September 6, 2017		
Classes	23	Amos 3:1-15

Visitors— Sep 3 (AM) Audrey & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)  
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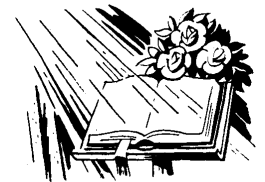
## Bible Quiz

The LORD said he would smite the winter house with what?

Last Week's Answer— The first resurrection (Revelation 20:6)

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

—Psalm 119:105



## —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)