

**Strong Faith to Be Humble**  
**2 Kings 20:1-21, Pew Bible p. 327**  
**May 5, 2024**

**I. The Value of Humility (V. 1-11)**

A. Why we must exalt God above ourselves:

1. We cannot control anything.
2. We do not know everything.

B. Why God exalts the humble:

1. He hears.
2. He sees.
3. He remembers.
4. He is.

**II. The Danger of Pride (V. 12-21)**

A. Exalting ourselves before men is spiritual plagiarism.

B. Exalting ourselves before men leads to being humbled by God.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Kings 20:1-21.
2. Have you ever felt God tell you (either through His Word or in prayer) something you did not want to hear, as King Hezekiah did in verses 1-3? How can God so often do things we don't like or understand and still be good?
3. In what ways does King Hezekiah demonstrate faith in his request of God, according to verses 2-3? In what ways does he demonstrate a lack of faith?
4. Have you ever asked God for something you did not need, but He gave it to you anyway, as He did Hezekiah in verse 5? What does that tell you about God?
5. Have you ever tried to make yourself look good in front of people, as King Hezekiah did in verses 12-13? What do you think God thinks when we do that? Why?
6. What do verses 16-19 imply happens to people who use what God has given them as an excuse to exalt themselves? What do you do to avoid exalting yourself before your fellow man?
7. Pray for our church members to have a strong faith to be humble before God and man. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

***Acts 17:29-31 (ESV)***

*<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting**

- Praying for the many visitors currently attending our Discover Apollo course that those who are lost be saved and those who are saved be called to a new church family.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:  
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); and V. family (Ashley & Jesse); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Gary & Betty B. (her sister); Dick & Peggy T. (nephew); and Stan & Lori F. (his mother)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Debbie P. (health); Marge D. (health); Jacque B. (health); Kathy W. (health); Ken R. (health); Sherri O. (surgery recovery); Ann C.-W. (back pain); April H.-F. (medication); Helene D. (theft of property); Laura M. (health); Michelle LaM. (medical procedures); Susan K. (surgery recovery); Matthew M. (employment & housing); Kelly J. (surgery recovery); Joy M. (surgery recovery); John P. (surgery recovery); Debbie B. (radiation); Bonnie V. (health concerns); Jeff S. (surgery recovery); Jan O. (surgery recovery); Mimi M. (ongoing health issues); Randie A. (health); and Rita H. (abdominal surgery recovery)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.