



# Always Hearing

2 Kings 18-20:1

# Proximity Matters

- Hezekiah was the King of Judah from about 715 BC to 686 BC - 29 years.
- Hezekiah was one of the few kings that had a heart bent toward the Lord.
- Hezekiah held fast to the Lord.
- Proximity matters if we desire God to hear our prayers.
- Hezekiah's proximity to God helped him face a huge national crisis.

# Posture Matters

- Hezekiah took Sennacherib's letter and spread it before the Lord.
- Hezekiah literally gave us a picture of laying our problems before God.
- There are at least five different postures for prayer modeled in the Bible:
  - Sitting.
  - Kneeling.
  - Standing.
  - Lying prostrate with our face toward the ground.
  - Praying with hands lifted up.
- Our posture should match the subject about which we are praying.

# Perspective Matters

- Hezekiah prayed so that all the kingdoms of the earth would know that the Lord is God.
- Hezekiah left the details up to God.
- Hezekiah's posture was one of humility and brokenness.
- Hezekiah acknowledged the sovereign rule and reign of God, and he trusted the Lord to answer his prayer **HOWEVER** the Lord saw fit.
- Healthy prayer includes a healthy posture and a healthy perspective, which comes from our proximity to God.

# Conclusion

- When we reflect on our life, we see the incredible grace, love and mercy of God.
- Hezekiah was so broken, he did not know for what to pray.
- God knew what was in Hezekiah's heart, and He answered the prayer of his heart.
- When we are so broken by our circumstances and do not know what to pray, just ask God to move in whatever situation you are facing.