

## The Final Account – 09 04 05

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I am going to take you to 2<sup>nd</sup> kings and the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter: In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amos came to him, and said unto him, thus saith the LORD, set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying

I beseech you, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

Turn again, and tell Hezekiah, the captain of my people, thus saith the LORD, the god of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up into the house of the lord.

I will add unto thy days fifteen years: and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Now dear friends, when a man is very sick, what happens is your faith can go rather low and sometimes you almost feel like saying, Lord, heaven is a better place, isn't it? Why should I be still sitting here? Maybe it's right time for me to gain abundant entry into your presence. If suddenly you are told that god is about to call you and you must set your house in order. I wonder what you would do! What are the things that you feel that you have to attend to? Suppose I was told that this evening that god wants me in a hurry, I would say only one thing to the lord, Lord, you know I am a very imperfect servant and I have not done your work to any measure of completion and there are so many imperfections, would you just let me repent and attend to those things which I should rectify so as to be able to present to you, at least, a work where there is some measure of completion. Now my dear friends, when the lord Jesus Christ said, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do and even on the cross when he said it is finished, what a perfect work, what a complete work, what a work of salvation for all who will trust him! And then when we look at our own little work that we do, how

imperfect it seems to be and yet we are told in the word of god, it is god that both worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. It is the lord who works in us. You know some times our will seems to be so weak, especially before temptation I used to find that I had hardly any will to resist. I said what kind of character is that? You can understand, but that was me. but here we are told it is god that worketh in you that both to will and to do of good pleasure. Doing, willing, you know it's amazing, the kind of exploits that people have set themselves to fulfill in our own life time. What amazing exploits? They set their hearts in doing it and they did it. And now what would you say if the lord says, come, come up higher. What would you say? What kind of account would you give? Here is a marvelous account that this king Hezekiah gives to god. The third verse again please: I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and with a perfect heart! Here is this king, I don't know all the pressures that were upon him. Some times when I look at politicians, I am amazed, I said, I can't be in his shoes because just before the election you come out with a whole set of criticisms, valid may be, about your opponent and once it is over you can praise the same man or something like that. Well, we are living in a world of diplomacy today. We must be very diplomatic that is we must not tell all the truth. It should be just a little and then there should be a lot of flattery to go with it. No, I don't see that you can in any way you can tamper with truth, either way. You can't chisel it down, you can't weld some extra piece. Truth stands impregnable and god's truth and the spirit of truth which god gives us. Yes, so that we love god's truth and we obey the word of god. Now my dear friends, there are certain truths in science which you will not go against. There are certain equations in mathematics which you cannot tamper with at all. You can't change a single digit however much you may try. But when it comes to the word of god why is it that we don't walk in truth? I have not greater joy says John towards the end of his life, I have no greater joy than that my children walk in truth. How marvelous. Now the truths that god has imprinted upon our heart. Well, we know that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin and when we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive all our sins. Faithful and just and to cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Now if we hold this truth to be dear to us, won't we feel energize to speak out the truth? You know somehow I can't hold back the truth but there is a way of presenting the truth but I find then when truth presented in the right manner will gain acceptance because people can see that this is the truth and untruth isn't working. So when true, you are on the side of truth, you have nothing to fear. And here is this man with death confronting him, he says, I have walked in the truth, I walked in

truth. I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart. What a confidence that should have given him. He wanted life, he wanted some extension. Now I have found that when I pray for extension in some lives, I'm taking a very grave risk. Well, that would hold for me too. Why such a grave risk? In the case of Hezekiah, how in his extended years, he did certain things, certain products of these fifteen years which brought great shame and sorrow to the heart of god and to the testimony of the lord. Some times when the lord is calling us, we must just be ready to say, lord, if you think that my work is done and I have nothing more on earth, well, here I am. You are able to find somebody far better than me. You are able to do your work. You're able to use some little David. Now my dear friends, when we are so close to death, to be able to say to god, I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart. But when you have to render an account to god, you will only be looking upon your record. How did I spend my years? Here Hezekiah could sum them up in these few words. I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart.