

## **Why Are We So Foolish? Isaiah 38-39**

- I. The Timing of Things
  - A. Hezekiah's illness likely occurred before the speech of Rabshakeh (cf. 38:6)
  - B. Hezekiah's decision to show the Babylonians the treasury also likely before the speech of Rabshakeh
  - C. Why the odd placement?
- II. Hezekiah's Prayer and God's Response
  - A. Hezekiah points to his own faithfulness
    - 1. Legitimacy from 2 Chronicles 29-31
    - 2. No legitimacy from Isaiah 29-31
  - B. Why the sorrow? – He was likely 39 years old with no heir to the throne at this time
  - C. God declares He will be faithful – once again pointing to His covenant with David
  - D. God is faithful to His Word
- III. Hezekiah's Foolishness
  - A. After a deliverance from illness, a promise of deliverance from the Assyrians, and the promise of longer life – what does Hezekiah do?
    - 1. The bringing in of a foreign enemy to “show-off”
    - 2. This displays both pride and ignorance
  - B. The condemnation – this people (the Babylonians) will carry your unborn children off to their enslavement
  - C. Hezekiah's response – well, at least things will be good in my day
- IV. What We Should Learn
  - A. God is faithful to His covenant with David and has shown the fullness of it in Jesus
  - B. God often blesses us in spite of us, rather than because of us
  - C. We must be cautious to not compound sin with sin, especially when God has given us so great a deliverance