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Text of the Lesson, Isa. xxxvii, 21-36 Memory Verses, 33-35-Golden Text, Ps. xlvi, 1-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns

The story of Hezekiah is somewhat fully recorded not only in II Kings and II Chronicles, but also in the prophecy of Isaiah. A few weeks ago we were considering how he began his reign by repairing and cleansing the temple and by keeping the Passover for all Israel, summoning the twelve tribes thereto He wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God, and he sought God with all his heart and prospered (II Chron. xxxi. 20, 21). Such devotion to the living and true God was more than the devil could stand, for all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (II Tim. iii, 12), so he stirred up the king of Assyria to fight against Jerusalem and by words and letters to mock and biaspheme the God of Israel and His people. To his biasphemy and revilings the people answered not a word, but held their peace, as the king had taught them (II Kings xviii, 36).

Thus did David, according to Ps. Jesus both before the high priest and Pilate (Matt. xxvi. 62, 63; xxvii, 14).
"When He was reviled He reviled not again; when He suffered He threat-ened not" (I Pet. ii, 28). Hesekiah did with the wicked letter just what we all ought to do with such things spread them before the Lord and unburden our hearts to Him about all such. have personally proved this a way of peace more than once. If you do not receive wicked letters you will probably hear of wicked words that have been spoken against you. Just tell all to the Lord Jesus and leave all with

Hezekiah's prayer at this time is a most refreshing study (II Kings xix, 14-19; Isa. xxxvii, 15-20). Note that his reason for asking deliverance was that all the earth might know the Lord. The prophet Isaiah also joined him in prayer in this his time of difficulty (II Chron. xxxii. 20). Hezekiah was thus able to speak to the hearts of the people because he was himself comforted by his trust in the Lord. "Be strong and courageous; be not afraid nor dis mayed for the king of Assyria. There be more with us than with them. With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles" (II Chron. xxxii, 7, 8).

In the portion assigned us today we have the Lord's answer to Hezekiah Will practice in all courts of Frankin and adjoining counties, also in the Suprema Court and in the United States District and Circuit Court. Office over First National Bank. through the prophet Isaiah. It becomes us to be sure that God answers prayer and, having committed our affairs to Him, leave all with Him in quietness even though we may not have as speedy an answer as the king had. There is no resting place like the words of the Lord God of Israel. The Virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn (verse When kings and rulers take counsel together against the Lord He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh, the Lord shall have them in derision (Ps. When the Lard's people are touched in any way it is the Lord Him-self who is touched. When the king of Assyria reproached and blasphemed the king of Judah he was really blaspheming the Lord, the Holy One of Israel (verses 23, 24). So it has been and shall be again and again until the last great blasphemer shall be cast alive into the lake of fire (Dan. xi, 36; Rev. xiii, 4-8; xix. 19)

It is God Himself that the devil hates and would dethrone if he could The settlement of estates for executors, Administrators and Guardians is made a specialty, and behands required by law can be secured in a college. and therefore shows his hatred toward the people of God, but hear the Lord as inity, and "ebonds required by law can be secured in an office."

Office in Yarborough & Bickett building and thy going out, and thy coming in, Then note what follows as to His as surance of deliverance and mark well the words, "The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this" (verse 32). Compare Isa. ix. 7. and be assured that the zeal of the Lord of hosts will not rest till the king shall sit on David's throne and reign over the house of Jacob (Luke i, 31-33). For His own sake and for His servant David's sake He will do it (verse 35). See how easily the Lord can overthrow His enemies and deliver His people. He has but to speak and it is done. The angel of the Lord went forth that night, and by His power 185,000 of the Assyrian army died. Thus easily did He overthrow Pharaoh and his hosts in the Red sea.

In Israel's last extremity, when the armies of antichrist shall be gathered against Jerusalem, He shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory and shall consume with the spirit of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming that wicked one and his armies (II Thess 1, 8-10; Isa. xi, 4; Rev. xix, 19, 20).

Remember how when Judes and his band came to arrest Him in the days of His humiliation and weakness He simply said, "I am," and they went backward and fell to the ground. Remember also that "by the word of the loss in a fit of arrest Him in the days lady died suddenly, and when the hearse came to convey her body to the graveyard the coachman fell will give the highest market plice. member also that "by the word of the Lord were the beavens made and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth" (Ps. xxxiii, 6) and ask what you know of the power of His word in

A TRAGIC MOMENT.

Two Famished Men and Their Last Fifty Cent Piece.

A group of old time journeymen experiences here and there. A little gray nian with a high forehead who had been listening meekly all evening to the reminiscences of the others finally was moved to

speech.

lumbian exposition. Me and a pal of mine had drifted in there from the wide southwest somewhere, and we were both just about broke. Our clothes were getting thin, and the October breezes coming across the lake were begining to chill us to the bone. But we clubbed together one day and raised enough to pay our admissions into the fair. We were bound to see it, although it left us one lonesome half dollar between the two of us.

"All day we tramped, feasting our eyes on the marvels of the big show, and late in the afternoon we landed back uptown, with our heads full of Venetian lagoons and white palaces. We still had the half dollar, and in the intervals of recalling this and that exhibit to each other we were planning how to spend the cents to the best advantage. We were nearing the Rush street bridge when we began to laugh over the queer antics and mannerisms of a group of single eyeglassed Englishmen we had run across that afternoon in the British exhibit.

"My pardner was mincing along. giving an imitation of one of their ludships,' and, suddenly thinking of his eye, began using it as a monocle Just at the height of his antics the half dollar slipped from his eye, bounced and rolled a few inches and slipped through a crack in the bridge floor down into the sluggish waters of the Chicago river. It was tragic. There was nothing to be said. We just looked at one another for a minute and tramped on across the bridge."-St. Louis Republic.

Startling Instance of Longevity.

One of the most curious instances of longevity is found in Miss Louisa Courtenay's "Notes of an Octogenarian." A witness in a will case in which Bellenden-Ker, the great English conveyancer, was engaged was asked if he had any brothers or sisters. He replied that he had one brother who died 150 years ago. The court expressed incredulity. and documentary evidence was produced in support of the statement. This showed that the witness' father, who married first at the age of nineteen, had a son who died in infancy. The father married again at the age of seventy-five and had a son who lived to appear in the witness box at the age of ninetyfour and made the above startling statement.

So Sudden:

Young Smith (who has mustered courage at last to ascertain his fate) -And you will be my bride, dear Nellie?

Nellie-I will answer you, Mr. Smith, when we are alone.
Young Smith — When we are

alone? Nellie-Yes. Eject my young brother. He is under the sofa. (The young brother is ejected.) Now open the cupboard and tell my sisparts.)

Young Smith (wiping his brow)

Now, darling, the coast is clear. Will you be mine?

Nellie-No! (Collapse of Smith.) -London Tit-Bits.

A Fatal Funeral.

and died immediately. A woman among the mourners was so upset at this that she fell dead, as though struck by lightning, and a child in her arms was dashed against the stones with such violence that its skull was fractured. Instead of one death four had to be notified to the

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"I have been a little more than hungry at times, and I used the side door Pullman in most of my little journeys. But I believe the saddest and most hopeless moment of my life was in Chicago late in the fall of the year of the big Columbian exposition. Me and a pal

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