

HOW MUCH  
DOES GOD  
CARE?

# COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

16 FOR IN HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED:  
THINGS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, VISIBLE  
AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THRONES OR  
POWERS OR RULERS OR AUTHORITIES; ALL  
THINGS HAVE BEEN CREATED THROUGH HIM  
AND FOR HIM. 17 HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS,  
AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.

# MATTHEW 6:7-8

7 AND WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT KEEP ON  
BABBLING LIKE PAGANS, FOR THEY THINK  
THEY WILL BE HEARD BECAUSE OF THEIR  
MANY WORDS. 8 DO NOT BE LIKE THEM, FOR  
YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT YOU  
NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM.

# 2 KINGS 18

1 IN THE THIRD YEAR OF HOSHEA SON OF ELAH KING OF ISRAEL, HEZEKIAH SON OF AHAZ KING OF JUDAH BEGAN TO REIGN.

2 HE WAS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN HE BECAME KING, AND HE REIGNED IN JERUSALEM TWENTY-NINE YEARS. HIS MOTHER'S NAME WAS ABIJAH[A] DAUGHTER OF ZECHARIAH.

3 HE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE LORD, JUST AS HIS FATHER DAVID HAD DONE.

4 HE REMOVED THE HIGH PLACES, SMASHED THE SACRED STONES AND CUT DOWN THE ASHERAH POLES. HE BROKE INTO PIECES THE BRONZE SNAKE MOSES HAD MADE, FOR UP TO THAT TIME THE ISRAELITES HAD BEEN BURNING INCENSE TO IT. (IT WAS CALLED NEHUSHTAN.[B])

# 2 KINGS 18

5 HEZEKIAH TRUSTED IN THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL. THERE WAS NO ONE LIKE HIM AMONG ALL THE KINGS OF JUDAH, EITHER BEFORE HIM OR AFTER HIM.

6 HE HELD FAST TO THE LORD AND DID NOT STOP FOLLOWING HIM; HE KEPT THE COMMANDS THE LORD HAD GIVEN MOSES.

7 AND THE LORD WAS WITH HIM; HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN WHATEVER HE UNDERTOOK. HE REBELLED AGAINST THE KING OF ASSYRIA AND DID NOT SERVE HIM.

8 FROM WATCHTOWER TO FORTIFIED CITY, HE DEFEATED THE PHILISTINES, AS FAR AS GAZA AND ITS TERRITORY.

# 2 KINGS 20

1 IN THOSE DAYS HEZEKIAH BECAME ILL AND WAS AT THE POINT OF DEATH. THE PROPHET ISAIAH SON OF AMOZ WENT TO HIM AND SAID, "THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS: PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER, BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO DIE; YOU WILL NOT RECOVER."

2 HEZEKIAH TURNED HIS FACE TO THE WALL AND PRAYED TO THE LORD,

3 "REMEMBER, LORD, HOW I HAVE WALKED BEFORE YOU FAITHFULLY AND WITH WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION AND HAVE DONE WHAT IS GOOD IN YOUR EYES." AND HEZEKIAH WEPT BITTERLY.

4 BEFORE ISAIAH HAD LEFT THE MIDDLE COURT, THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HIM:

5 "GO BACK AND TELL HEZEKIAH, THE RULER OF MY PEOPLE, 'THIS IS WHAT THE LORD, THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER DAVID, SAYS: I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYER AND SEEN YOUR TEARS; I WILL HEAL YOU. ON THE THIRD DAY FROM NOW YOU WILL GO UP TO THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD.

# 2 KINGS 20

6 I WILL ADD FIFTEEN YEARS TO YOUR LIFE. AND I WILL DELIVER YOU AND THIS CITY FROM THE HAND OF THE KING OF ASSYRIA. I WILL DEFEND THIS CITY FOR MY SAKE AND FOR THE SAKE OF MY SERVANT DAVID."

7 THEN ISAIAH SAID, "PREPARE A POULTICE OF FIGS." THEY DID SO AND APPLIED IT TO THE BOIL, AND HE RECOVERED.

8 HEZEKIAH HAD ASKED ISAIAH, "WHAT WILL BE THE SIGN THAT THE LORD WILL HEAL ME AND THAT I WILL GO UP TO THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD ON THE THIRD DAY FROM NOW?"

9 ISAIAH ANSWERED, "THIS IS THE LORD'S SIGN TO YOU THAT THE LORD WILL DO WHAT HE HAS PROMISED: SHALL THE SHADOW GO FORWARD TEN STEPS, OR SHALL IT GO BACK TEN STEPS?"

# 2 KINGS 20

10 "IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR THE SHADOW TO GO FORWARD TEN STEPS," SAID HEZEKIAH. "RATHER, HAVE IT GO BACK TEN STEPS."

11 THEN THE PROPHET ISAIAH CALLED ON THE LORD, AND THE LORD MADE THE SHADOW GO BACK THE TEN STEPS IT HAD GONE DOWN ON THE STAIRWAY OF AHAZ.



# DO YOU TRUST GOD?

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# WHERE DO YOU TAKE YOUR TROUBLES?

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# 1 PETER 5:7

CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE  
CARETH FOR YOU.

# MATTHEW 6:26

LOOK AT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR; THEY DO NOT SOW OR REAP OR STORE AWAY IN BARNES, AND YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FEEDS THEM. ARE YOU NOT MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN THEY?

# LUKE 12:6-7

6 ARE NOT FIVE SPARROWS SOLD FOR TWO PENNIES? YET NOT ONE OF THEM IS FORGOTTEN BY GOD. 7 INDEED, THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.