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2 Kings 20:7-11 NIV

- 7 Then Isaiah said, “Prepare a poultice of figs.” They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.
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Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens:



Romans 8:28 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Previous Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1;

2 Kings 20:1-11



I. When the LORD Says “You Will Not Recover”



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I. When the LORD Says “You Will Not Recover” Numbers 23:19 NIV



God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?



I. When the LORD Says “You Will Not Recover”



Jonah 3:1-4,10 NIV

- 1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:
- 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”
- 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.
- 4 Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”
- 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Previous Scripture: Numbers 23:19;

2 Kings 20:1; Romans 8:28



I. When the LORD Says “You Will Not Recover”



Genesis 22:1-2 NIV

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him,
“Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom
you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah.

Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I
will show you.”

Previous Scripture: Jonah 3:1-4 10;

Numbers 23:19; 2 Kings 20:1



II. Turn Your Face to the Wall, Pray and Weep



2 Kings 20:2-3 NIV

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II. Turn Your Face to the Wall, Pray and Weep



1 Kings 2:1-4 NIV

1 When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

2 “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, 3 and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go 4 and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’”

Previous Scripture: 2 Kings 20:2-3;

Genesis 22:1-2; Jonah 3:1-4 10



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1 Kings 8:25 NIV

“Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.’”

Previous Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-4;

2 Kings 20:2-3; Genesis 22:1-2



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Matthew 1:6-9 NIV

6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, 8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, 9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

Previous Scripture: 1 Kings 8:25;

1 Kings 2:1-4; 2 Kings 20:2-3



II. Turn Your Face to the Wall, Pray and Weep



2 Kings 18:1-4 NIV

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 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.)

Previous Scripture: Matthew 1:6-9;

1 Kings 8:25; 1 Kings 2:1-4



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2 Kings 18:5-7 NIV

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.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 1:6-9;

1 Kings 8:25; 1 Kings 2:1-4



III. The LORD Hears Prayers and Sees Tears



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Matthew 1:6-9; 1 Kings 8:25



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James 5:16 KJV

Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



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2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Previous Scripture: James 5:16;

2 Kings 20:4-7; 2 Kings 18:1-7



IV. God Can Reverse A Prophet's Pronouncement 2 Kings 20:8-11 NIV



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IV. God Can Reverse A Prophet's Pronouncement Matthew 24:3 NIV

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”