

**“<sup>20</sup> This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. <sup>21</sup> In everything that he undertook in the service of God’s temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.”**

(2 Chronicles 31:20-21)

What Hezekiah did? As he sought God wholeheartedly the Lord led him to do certain things and to take specific decisions that were pleasant to the Lord.

He cleansed the temple and the land of Judah from idols and called the people to worship God and serve Him. He also brought back the priests and the Levites to serve God wholeheartedly.

Hezekiah did his best and work for unity in bringing back the rest of the Israelites back to God and to the temple worship. Truly they celebrated the Passover lamb joyfully, <sup>26</sup> There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.” (2 Chronicles 30:26)

After that, “When all this had ended, the Israelites who were there went out to the towns of Judah, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. They destroyed the high places and the altars throughout Judah and Benjamin and in Ephraim and Manasseh. After they had destroyed all of them, the Israelites returned to their own towns and to their own property.” (2Chronicles 31:1) The revival here extended from Jerusalem and Judah and spread to the rest of Israel towns.

King Hezekiah did also the following: <sup>4</sup> He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to give the portion due the priests and Levites so they could devote themselves to the Law of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> As soon as the order went out, the

Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything.” (2 Chronicles 31:4-5) Giving tithes and offerings to the Lord is so important because that money will be used to support those who dedicated their lives to serve the Lord. That command was circulated to all the people of Judah and Israel and the people responded to that command as well. <sup>6</sup> The men of Israel and Judah who lived in the towns of Judah also brought a tithe of their herds and flocks and a tithe of the holy things dedicated to the LORD their God, and they piled them in heaps. <sup>9</sup> Hezekiah asked the priests and Levites about the heaps; <sup>10</sup> and Azariah the chief priest, from the family of Zadok, answered, “Since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare, because the LORD has blessed his people, and this great amount is left over.” (2Chronicles 31:6,9-10) So what the people contributed from tithes and offering serve to push forward God’s service. <sup>11</sup> Hezekiah gave orders to prepare storerooms in the temple of the LORD, and this was done. <sup>12</sup> Then they faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts.” (2Chronicles 31:11-12a) And that was distributed faithfully to all the priests and the Levites and their families. This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God.

### My Prayer

**Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to serve you wholeheartedly and walk in all your ways and teaching others to follow your ways and commands, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.**



**“Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”**

(Psalm 86:11)

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**“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”**

(Psalm 143:10)

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