

Why We Were Born
Isaiah 38:9-20

Our Creator God has identified for us the reason He brought us _____. We see a glimpse of it in the prayer of Hezekiah, King of Judah recorded, in **Isaiah 38:9-20**.

Hezekiah, a righteous reformer and successful leader, fell critically ill. The illness was _____ according to God's will. But Hezekiah prayed and received God's miraculous _____ and offered his prayer of thanksgiving.

Hezekiah's healing confirms what James wrote in _____ — that the prayer of a righteous person is _____ and _____. I don't know how to explain the fact that our God, with an _____ nature and will, _____ His mind. He did. We don't know how prayer works, but we know _____, so we should pray and keep on praying.

Hezekiah identified the reason God gave him 15 more years—literally the _____ for his and all our lives, why we were born: To _____.

_____ knew it. He wrote about it in Psa. 148. _____ said so in Eph. 1:11-12. _____ confirmed it in 1 Pet. 2:9.

It's incredibly obvious that people are drawn to praising _____ across virtually every domain of life. Praise is built into our _____. It is as natural and important as breathing, eating, and drinking. We flock to various venues because we want to be a part of the praise that is most _____ and _____. Praise is our most certain pathway to _____ and _____ because it is that for which we are made.

And specifically, we are made to praise the _____. Who deserves our praise. For that reason, Satan is doing everything possible to _____ you of _____ to God. Don't let him. Praise Him for your health, as Hezekiah did, or your _____, or for your family, or your church family, your job, or food on the table, and most of all, for a Savior Who gave His _____ so that you might have _____.