

SUNDAY EVENING SERIES

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Confirmation: 38:5-6

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Hezekiah's journal (38:9-20).

Before the deliverance (vv 9-14)

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Beware that you do not forget the care and kindness of Providence which your eyes have seen in so many fruits and experiences. It was God's charge against Israel "that they soon forgot His works" (Ps. 106:13). A bad heart and a slippery memory deprive men of much comfort of many mercies and defraud God of the glory due for them.

—John Flavel

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We are like weavers who take various pieces threads and weave a cloth day by day. Family and friends grow accustomed to the sight of our routines, like the do the growing of a fabric hanging on a loom.

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Then one day, with a few swift strokes, the threads are cut and the cloth is rolled up. In a single day, between morning and night, all is concluded.

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- 4 It was impossible to keep composure (13-14).

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