

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Isaiah 38:9–20 | Andrew Belli

Main Idea: Life is unstable and death is certain, so when a merciful God delivers sinners from eternal death, they live their lives in thankful worship of Christ.

I. The Instability of Life (9-13)

- A. We all face physical death
- B. Many face eternal death
- C. God is sovereign over both

II. The Cry of Faith (14-16)

III. Deliverance from Death and Sin (17)

- A. The motive for God's saving work: Love
- B. The mechanics of God's saving work: Atonement

IV. Thanksgiving: The Purpose of Salvation (18-20)

- A. The spiritually dead do not thank God (18a-b)
 - i. There is no hope to be saved once eternally dead (18c)
- B. Those who are spiritually alive thank God (19a)
 - i. Living ones boast of God's faithfulness to others (19b)
- C. Living ones commit their lives to giving thanks to their Savior in the body of Christ (20)