

THE HEALING POWER OF FIGS

2 Kings 20, 21:1-9, 18-24

Figs are mentioned many times in the Word. For example, Hezekiah had a boil that was miraculously healed with a lump of figs. Figs have natural healing powers. For instance, they can act as an antibiotic and help to reduce inflammation and pain. They can also be used to disinfect wounds. Figs have also been used to ease coughs and bronchitis. In Hezekiah's case, figs were not only miraculously healed a boil, but acted quickly.



People used fig trees and their fruit for a variety of purposes such as food, shade, gifts, even clothing. Look up the verses listed in the chart below. On the chart, note what part of the fig tree was used and what it was used for (may be more than one use.)

Verse	Part of Fig Tree	Use(s)
Genesis 3:7		
I Samuel 25:18		
I Samuel 30:12		
I Kings 4:25		
Jeremiah 24:1		
John 1:48		

We can understand the healing powers of the fig tree and its fruit even better when we learn of its spiritual significance.

From these things it is evident that the fig-tree, in the genuine sense, signifies the natural person as to good and truth, the fig itself as a tree, the natural person; the fig as a fruit, the good of the natural person; and its leaf, the truth of that good.

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- ❖ It was the fruit of a fig tree that healed Hezekiah. Why do you think it was the fruit (good) and not the leaves (truth) that were used? Hint: What gives people the ability to choose well and be saved? But what actually saves a person and enables him or her to go to heaven?