

# 2 Kings 12:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 12: Religious reform and temple restoration. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 12 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Joash Repairs the Temple) reflects the historical reality of progressive political instability and external threats, particularly from Aram (Syria) and later Assyria. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 12 regarding religious reform and temple restoration?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֵּאָמְרוּ	וְהַכֹּהֲנִים	וְלֹא־בָלִיַּת	קִיְמָת	כִּי־יִקְרָא	מֵאֵת
<b>consented</b>	<b>And the priests</b>	<b>neither</b>	<b>to receive</b>	<b>more money</b>	H853
H225	H3548	H1115	H3947	H3701	
הָעָם	וְלֹא־בָלִיַּת	חֲזֹק	אֶת	כִּי־יִדְקוּ	הַבַּיִת:
<b>of the people</b>	<b>neither</b>	<b>to repair</b>	H853	<b>the breaches</b>	<b>of the house</b>
H5971	H1115	H2388		H919	H1004

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