

# 2 Kings 20:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 20: God's mercy and human presumption. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

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 20 takes place during Hezekiah's reign in Judah, late 8th century BCE, around 715-686 BCE. The chapter's theme (Hezekiah's Illness

and Recovery) reflects the historical reality of genuine religious reform under Hezekiah, including trust in God that resulted in miraculous deliverance from 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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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 20 regarding God's mercy and human presumption?
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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| וַשְׁמַע               | עֲלֵיהֶם                | חֶזְקִיָּהוּ     | הָרָאָם                | אֶת               | כָּל              | בֵּיתוֹ           |
| hearkened              | H5921                   | And Hezekiah     | shewed                 | H853              | H3605             | and all the house |
| H8085                  |                         | H2396            | H7200                  |                   |                   | H1004             |
| נִכְתָּה               | אֶת                     | הַכֶּסֶף         | וְאֶת                  | הַזָּהָב          | וְאֶת             | הַבִּשְׁמִיִּם    |
| of his precious things | H853                    | the silver       | H853                   | and the gold      | H853              | and the spices    |
| H5238                  |                         | H3701            |                        | H2091             |                   | H1314             |
| וְאֵת                  | שֶׁמֶן                  | הַטּוֹב          | וְאֵת                  | בֵּיתוֹ           | כָּל              | יְמֵי             |
| H853                   | ointment                | and the precious | H853                   | and all the house |                   | of his armour     |
|                        | H8081                   | H2896            |                        | H1004             |                   | H3627             |
| וְאֵת                  | כָּל                    | אֲשֶׁר           | נִמְצָא                | בְּאֻצְרוֹתָיו    | לֹא               | הָיָה             |
| H853                   | H3605                   | H834             | and all that was found | in his treasures  | H3808             | H1961             |
|                        |                         |                  | H4672                  | H214              |                   |                   |
| וְדָבָר                | אֶשֶׁר                  | לֹא              | הָרָאָם                | חֶזְקִיָּהוּ      | בֵּיתוֹ           |                   |
| there was nothing      | H834                    | H3808            | shewed                 | And Hezekiah      | and all the house |                   |
| H1697                  |                         |                  | H7200                  | H2396             | H1004             |                   |
| וּבְכָל                | מַמְשְׁלָתוֹ:           |                  |                        |                   |                   |                   |
| H3605                  | nor in all his dominion |                  |                        |                   |                   |                   |
|                        | H4475                   |                  |                        |                   |                   |                   |