

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

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

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

בְּבִיתِ	וְ	כָּלּ	אֶת	פְּרָאָם	עַלְיָם	וְשָׁמָן	עַ
hearkened	H5921	And Hezekiah	H2396	shewed	H7200	H853	H3605
H8085							H1004
of his precious things	H5238	אֶת	הַכְּסָף	וְאֶת	הַזָּהָב	וְאֶת	הַשְׁמִימָן
		H853	the silver	H3701	H853	and the gold	H2091
							H1314
and the spices							
אֶת	שֶׁמֶן	וְאֶת	תְּמִימָן	וְאֶת	בְּבִיתِ	וְ	כָּלּ
H853	ointment	and the precious	H2896	H853	and all the house	of his armour	H3627
H8081				H1004			
אֲשֶׁר	נִמְצָא	אֲשֶׁר	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	בְּאֶזְרָת	וְ	לֹא
H834	and all that was found	H4672			in his treasures	H214	H1961
H3605							H3808
בְּבִיתِ	וְ	חִזְקִיָּהוּ	פְּרָאָם	לֹא	אֲשֶׁר	לֹא	הָיָה
there was nothing	H1697	H834	H3808	shewed	And Hezekiah	and all the house	H1004
				H2396			
וְבְכָלּ	מִמְשָׁלָתוֹ						
H3605	nor in all his dominion	H4475					

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