

2 Kings 20:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 20: God's mercy and human presumption. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form 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

וַיֹּאמֶר	חִזְקִיָּהוּ	אֶל	יְשֻׁעָה	וְ	דָּבָר	הַ	יְהִי
And he said	Hezekiah	H413	unto Isaiah	Good	is the word	of the LORD	
H559	H2396		H3470	H2896	H1697		H3068
רְ	רָמֶ	דָּבָר	וְאֶמְרָ	כָּל	וְאֶ	שֶׁל	וְ
אָשָׁר	הָ	תֹּאמֶר	וְאֶמְרָה	אָמֵן	וְאֶ	מִ	וְ
H834		which thou hast spoken	And he said	H3808	H518	Is it not good if peace	
	H1696		H559			H7965	
תְּ	בַּיּוֹם	וְ	יְהִי	הַ	וְאֶת	בְּ	
and truth	H1961	be in my days					
H571		H3117					

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 3:18 (Good): And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

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