

Isaiah 38:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

Analysis

The heading "The writing of Hezekiah...when he had been sick, and was recovered" introduces his thanksgiving psalm. The practice of written testimony preserves God's faithfulness for future generations. Hezekiah doesn't merely experience deliverance privately but publicly records it for others' benefit. This demonstrates proper response to answered prayer—testimony that glorifies God and encourages others. Written documentation of God's works builds faith across time.

Historical Context

Royal thanksgiving inscriptions were common in the ancient Near East. Hezekiah follows this practice but directs thanks to YHWH rather than claiming personal achievement.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does recording God's faithfulness in our lives strengthen others' faith?
2. What role does testimony play in building corporate faith and worship?
3. What works of God in your life deserve written record for future encouragement?

Interlinear Text

מִכְּתָב	לְחִזְקִיָּהוּ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה	בְּחִלָּתוֹ
The writing	of Hezekiah	king	of Judah	when he had been sick
H4385	H2396	H4428	H3063	H2470
וַיִּחַי	מִחֲלָיוֹ			
and was recovered	of his sickness			
H2421	H2483			

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