

Isaiah 39:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

Analysis

The statement "Hezekiah was glad of them" shows his pleasure at Babylonian attention. The comprehensive display "shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures" reveals prideful ostentation. The phrase "there was nothing...that Hezekiah shewed them not" emphasizes complete disclosure. This foolish pride in displaying national wealth contrasts sharply with Hezekiah's earlier humility. The lapse demonstrates how even faithful believers can stumble into pride after victories.

Historical Context

Babylon sent envoys ostensibly to congratulate Hezekiah's recovery, but likely for intelligence gathering. Showing potential enemies all resources was strategically foolish.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does pride after spiritual victory make us vulnerable to foolish decisions?
2. What motivates the desire to impress others with our accomplishments or possessions?
3. How can we maintain humility after experiencing God's dramatic deliverance?

Interlinear Text

כָּל־יְהוָה בָּבִית־זֶה כִּל־אֶת־בַּת־וּבַשְׂמָן וְאֶת־
H853 ointment and the precious H853 H3605 and all the house H1004 of his armour
H8081 H2896 H3627

בְּאֶצְרָתִי לֹא הִכִּי אֲשֶׁר כֹּל נִמְצָא אֲשֶׁר כֹּל H3605 H834 and all that was found H4672 H214 in his treasures H3808 H1961

רָא	שָׁרֵךְ	לֹא	אֵת	רָא	חִזְקִיָּהוּ
there was nothing	H834	H3808	of them and shewed	And Hezekiah	

בָּבְית	וּבְכָל	מִמְשָׁלְתוֹן
and all the house	H3605	nor in all his dominion

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 32:25 (Parallel theme): But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 32:31 (Parallel theme): Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

Job 31:25 (Parallel theme): If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

Jeremiah 17:9 (Parallel theme): The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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