

Isaiah 39:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

Analysis

Isaiah's direct question "What have they seen in thine house?" and Hezekiah's comprehensive answer "All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them" exposes the full extent of the folly. The repetition "nothing...not shewed" emphasizes total disclosure. Hezekiah seems almost proud of his openness, not recognizing the security risk. This demonstrates how pride blinds us to consequences—the king didn't consider that displaying all resources to potential enemies was dangerous.

Historical Context

Complete disclosure of national wealth and military resources to foreign powers was extraordinary breach of security. Hezekiah's pride overrode basic prudence.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does pride make us blind to obvious dangers and consequences of our actions?
2. What safeguards can we establish to prevent foolish decisions made in prideful moments?
3. How can we invite godly counsel to help us see what pride obscures?

Interlinear Text

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| חִזְקִיָּהוּ | וַיֹּאמֶר | בְּבִתִּי | מַה | רָאִיתִם | וְיִשְׁרָאֵל |
| Then said | H4100 | have they seen | All that is in mine house | Then said | And Hezekiah |
| H559 | | H7200 | H1004 | H559 | H2396 |
| בְּבִתִּי | רָאִיתִם | וְיִשְׁרָאֵל | לֹא | רָאִיתִם | בְּבִתִּי |
| All that is in mine house | have they seen | Then said | לֹא | have they seen | Then said |
| H1004 | H7200 | H3808 | H1961 | H7200 | H1004 |
| בְּאֶזְרָחִים | רָאִיתִם | וְיִשְׁרָאֵל | לֹא | רָאִיתִם | בְּאֶזְרָחִים |
| there is nothing | have they seen | And Hezekiah | לֹא | have they seen | there is nothing |
| H1697 | H834 | H3808 | H7200 | H7200 | H1697 |

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