

Isaiah 39:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Analysis

Hezekiah's response 'Good is the word of the LORD' shows humble submission to deserved judgment, yet his relief that 'peace and truth be in my days' reveals self-centered short-sightedness. This tension between accepting God's sovereignty and caring primarily for personal peace warns against generational selfishness. True covenant faith considers 'children's children' (Psalm 128:6).

Historical Context

Hezekiah's fifteen additional years (686 BC death) gave him personal peace, but his son Manasseh (co-regent from 697 BC) became Judah's most wicked king, setting the stage for the very Babylonian conquest prophesied here.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Are you content with personal blessing while neglecting your legacy's spiritual impact?

2. How can you cultivate genuine concern for future generations' faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	חֶזְקִיָּהּ הוּא	אֶל	יִשְׁעָי הוּא	טוֹב	דְּבַר	יְהוָה ה
He said	Hezekiah	H413	to Isaiah	Good	is the word	of the LORD
H559	H2396		H3470	H2896	H1697	H3068
אֲשֶׁר	דִּבַּרְתָּ	וַיֹּאמֶר	כִּי	יְהוָה ה		
H834	which thou hast spoken	He said	H3588	H1961		
	H1696	H559				
שָׁל וּמִ	וְאֵמֶת	בְּיָמַי				
moreover For there shall be peace	and truth	in my days				
H7965	H571	H3117				

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 32:26 (References Lord): Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

2 Chronicles 34:28 (Word): Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

1 Peter 5:6 (Parallel theme): Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: