

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

יְהִי הַדָּבָר טֹב וְשָׁמְעֵי הָוֶה אֲלֹהִים
He said Hezekiah H413 to Isaiah Good is the word of the LORD
H559 H2396 H3470 H2896 H1697 H3068

אֲשֶׁר רֹאָתָה רְאָתָה יְהִי הַדָּבָר
which thou hast spoken He said H3588 H1961
H834 H1696 H559

וְשָׁלֹום וְאֶתְהָרָה בְּיָמַיִם
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: