Introduction: Our title is from 2 Kings 20.15 “What have they seen in your house?” also 2 Chronicles 32.4. Hezekiah was one of those “good kings” of Judah but he did something foolish.

**I) Background to Our Text**

**A) Many good things listed in 2 Kings 18.1-8.**

1. “He did what was right in the sight of the Lord” v. 3

2. Removed the high places, scared pillars, and wood images, v.4a

3. Specifically he torn down the bronze serpent.

“He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.” (2 Kings 18:4)

a. He was willing to challenge orthodoxy. What had been accepted for generations.

b. What started out from God, had lost its purpose, so they repurposed it!

4. “He trusted in the Lord God of Israel”, v.5

5. Kept His commandments, v. 6

6.Did not serve the king of Assyria, v.7

7. Subdued the Philistines, v. 8

**B) Specific events which showed Hezekiah’s faith**

1. When Sennacherib came up against Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed.

**“Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God, You alone.” (2 Kings 19:19)**

2. When told to get his house in order because he was about to die, he prayed to God.

**Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 “Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 2 Kings 20:2-3**

3. Hezekiah prospered.

“Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items; 28 storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and folds for flocks. 29 Moreover he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much property. 30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought the water by tunnel to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 However, regarding the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.” (2 Chronicles 32:27-31)

**II) What Did They See in Your House?**

**A) To whom was Hezekiah showing his house?**

1. Ambassadors from Babylon. Isaiah 39.1.

a. They had heard of his recovery

b. They brought gifts.

2. What did they see?

**“And Hezekiah was attentive to them, and showed them all the house of his treasures—the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory—all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.” (2 Kings 20:13)**

a. They saw all his wealth and dominion.

b. They were pleased and interested in those things in Hezekiah’s house.

**B) God was testing Hezekiah**

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1. What God saw was a king whose wealth was in his heart.

2. When told future generations would be taken into captivity, Hezekiah was relieved since he would not be alive. We see Hezekiah was in Hezekiah’s heart.

3. Success and prosperity often “test” one’s heart.

“ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

**III) What Will They See…**

**A) In your house?**

1. Imagine a person comes up to you, be friending you, bringing you gifts and you want to impress them.

a. Would you show them your wealth? Perhaps big screen TV, or really nice furniture, or some other material thing you possess which would scream, I am well off!

b. Would you show them your degrees or awards which would say, look at what I have accomplished?

2. Or would they see all the treasures in your house which would include:

a. The influence of God and His word. The whole 119th Psalm is telling us the purpose and value of God’s word.

i. I don’t mean, having a Bible on the coffee table but having it in your heart.

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.” (Psalms 119:11)

ii. One can generally tell when a household is centered on God and His word.

b. Would they see love in your home?

i. A love between husband and wife as spoken of in Ephesians 5. A sacrificial kind of love where one things of their spouse first.

ii. A love between parents and their children.

“the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,” (Titus 2:3-4) This is often shown in spending time with, communication with, and doing what Ephesians 6.4 says.

c. Would they see prayer in your home?

“pray without ceasing,” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

i. We are to pray for our leaders

ii. For our families

iii. For each other.

**“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,” (1 Timothy 2:1)**

d. Would they see peace and joy in your home?

i. Many households today are like war zones where people are pitted against each other.

ii. Children are used as bargaining tools, or as obstacles.

iii. Then there is the peace between you and God.

**B) What would they see in the church you attend.?**

1. Imagine inviting someone to services, what would you show them?

i. The fancy building, elaborate pews, great numbers.

ii. I notice one think Hezekiah did not show the envy from Babylon was his God.

2. Would you show them:

a. The word of God being studied and preached?

i. We are to be a people of the Book.

ii. This means we use the Bible to establish authority and instruct us in the way of righteousness.

“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:11)

b. Would they see love?

i. A love for God. One of the dangers we as Christians face is to lose our love for God and Jesus. To be like the church as Ephesus. ii

**“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.” (Revelation 2:4)**

ii. Not exactly sure what Jesus is talking about. Lost their love for God, for His word, to worship God. A warning to us.

c. Would they see heart felt and scriptural worship? John 4.24.

i. Worship is aimed at God.

ii. Must be done in the way prescribed by God.

iii. Will bring us closer to God through our fellowship with Him.

d. Would the see work and personal growth?

“Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” (1 Peter 2:1-2)

i. Growth is natural, to not grow is unnatural. A baby does not stay the same weight.

ii. Spiritual growth is what the Lord expects to see.

“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:17-18)

Conclusion: We can show people all the treasures God intends for us to have in His Son. For that is where all His blessings resides. “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love “ (Ephesians 1:3-4)