

³¹ *But when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land, God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.* (2Chronicles 32:31)

The word of God here is speaking about king Hezekiah, whom the Lord God had given him very great riches and he succeeded in everything he undertook.

But there was one event in his life, when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land. The following is the account of what had happened:

¹ *At that time Merodach-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of his illness and recovery.* ² *Hezekiah received the envoys gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold, the spices, the fine oil, his entire armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.* (Isaiah 39:1-2) *God left him alone when the envoys came to test his heart and to see how he will behave and respond.*

Hezekiah out of boasting and showing off he showed them everything. He was not concerned that the next generation could be affected by his action in showing the enemies all the treasures of the Kingdom.

His concern was for himself, because when the prophet Isaiah faced him and inquired from him what he did and how he responded and explained to him what will happen because of his selfish and careless behavior, he was not sad about it because he thought that as long as there will be peace in his life time that will be fine. Let us read that conversation between Hezekiah and Isaiah, ³ *Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and asked, “What did those men say, and where did they come from?” “From a distant land,” Hezekiah replied.*

“They came to me from Babylon.” ⁴ *The prophet asked, “What did they see in your palace?” “They saw everything in my palace,” Hezekiah said. “There is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.”* ⁵ *Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD Almighty: ⁶ The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD.* ⁷ *And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.”* ⁸ *“The word of the LORD you have spoken is good,” Hezekiah replied. For he thought, “There will be peace and security in my lifetime.” (Isaiah 39:2-8)*

In the same way be careful and check yourself, God may leave you alone in certain situations and circumstances in your life to see and observe what you will decide and do, and to see what is the real motive in your heart.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord cleanses my heart from wrong motive and selfishness. Lord helps me to put you in the center of my life. I dedicate my life unto you, lead me in the right way and place me in your perfect plan and will in whatever I decide and do, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.



²³ *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.* ²⁴ *See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

(Psalm 139:23-24)



¹¹ *Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”*

(Psalm 86:11)

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