



make an end of me. {13} I have considered until morning; Like a lion, So He breaks all my bones; From day until night You make an end of me. {14} Like a crane or a swallow, so I chattered; I mourned like a dove; My eyes fail from looking upward. O LORD, I am oppressed; Undertake for me!"

(Proverbs 25:1) "These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:"

(2 Chronicles 32:27-31) "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, .. God withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart."



(Philippians 4:6-7) "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; {7} and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

3. _____, verses 4-7

(Jonah 3:4) "... Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

(Jonah 3:10) "Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it."

(Romans 4:20) "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,"

(2 Peter 1:2-4) "Grace and peace be multiplied to you.. {3} as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, .. {4} by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

4. _____, verses 8-11, 21:3

(Isaiah 7:12) "But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!'"

(Isaiah 7:14) ""Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

(Isaiah 38:15-20) ""What shall I say? He has both spoken to me, And He Himself has done it. I shall walk carefully all my years In the bitterness of my soul.

[16] O LORD, by these things men live; And in all these things is the life of my spirit; So You will restore me and make me live. {17} Indeed it was for my own peace That I had great bitterness; But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back. {18} For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot praise You; Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth. {19} The living, the living man, he shall praise You, As I do this day; The father shall make known Your truth to the children. {20} "The LORD was ready to save me; Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments All the days of our life, in the house of the LORD.""



The Shepherds

God Tests His Man II

Test #2, a near death experience, can be divided into 4 scenes (2 Kings 20):

1. _____, verses 1, 7

(2 Chronicles 32:24-25) "In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the LORD; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. {25} But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.

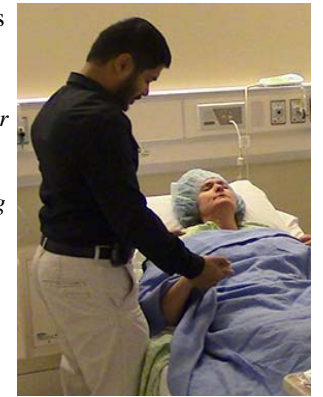
(2 Chronicles 32:25) "But Hezekiah's heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him; ..." [NIV]

(2 Chronicles 32:26) Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah."

(Daniel 4:30-32) "... "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built .. by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" {31} While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "... the kingdom has departed from you! {32} .. and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; .. until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.""

(Daniel 4:37) "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down."

(2 Corinthians 12:7-10) "And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, .. {8} Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. {9} And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. {10} Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."



2. _____, verses 2-3

(2 Chronicles 6:16) ""Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'

(2 Timothy 1:10) "... our Savior Jesus Christ, .. has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,"

(Isaiah 38:10-14) "I said, "In the prime of my life I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder of my years."

[11] I said, "I shall not see YAH, The LORD in the land of the living; I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants of the world. {12} My life span is gone, Taken from me like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my life like a weaver. He cuts me off from the loom; From day until night You

