

## 2 Chronicles 32: 24 - 32

24 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and **he prayed** to the **LORD**, and **he answered him** and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah **did not make return** according to the benefit done to him, for his **heart was proud**. Therefore **wrath came upon him** and Judah and Jerusalem.

26 But Hezekiah **humbled** himself for the **pride of his heart**, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the **wrath of the LORD did not come** upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had very great riches and honor, and he made for himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of costly vessels;

28 storehouses also for the yield of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of cattle, and sheepfolds.

29 He likewise provided cities for himself, and flocks and herds in abundance, **for God had given him** very great possessions.

30 This same Hezekiah closed the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 And so in the matter of the envoys of the princes of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, **God left him to himself**, in order to **test him** and to **know all that was in his heart**.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

## How did Hezekiah do in this test?

### 2 Kings 20: 16 - 19

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD:  
17 Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD.

18 And some of your own sons, who shall be born to you, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."  
19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." **For he thought.**  
  
"Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?"

**The heart matters**

- In the end not all that was in Hezekiah's heart was found to be good.
- His **hope** was only for peace and security in His days.
- And after this Judah collapsed.

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- The three New Testament Scriptures:
- Romans 5: 3 - 5
- Philippians 3: 13 - 4:1
- 1 Corinthians 3: 12 - 15

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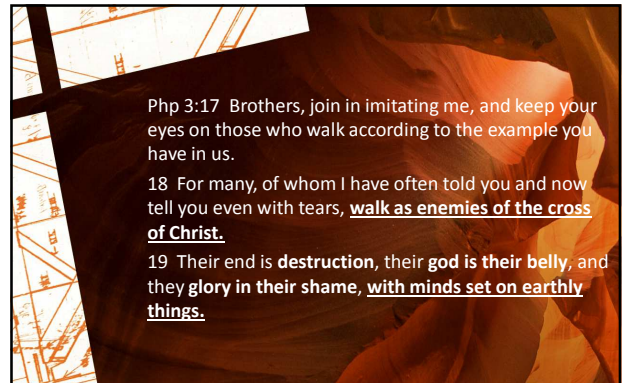
NT Scripture 1

Romans 5: 3 - 5

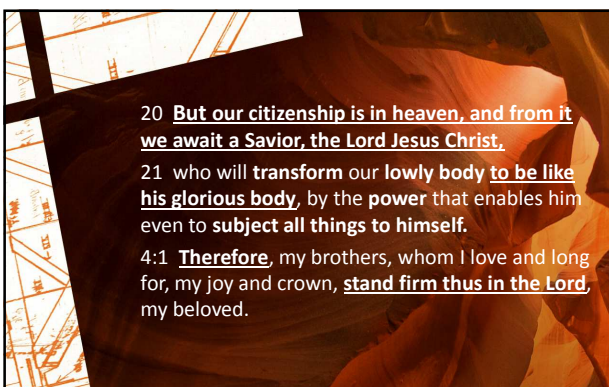
Rom 5:3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our **sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces **endurance**,  
4 and endurance produces **character**, and character produces **hope**,  
5 and hope does not put us to shame, **because God's love has been poured into our hearts** through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.



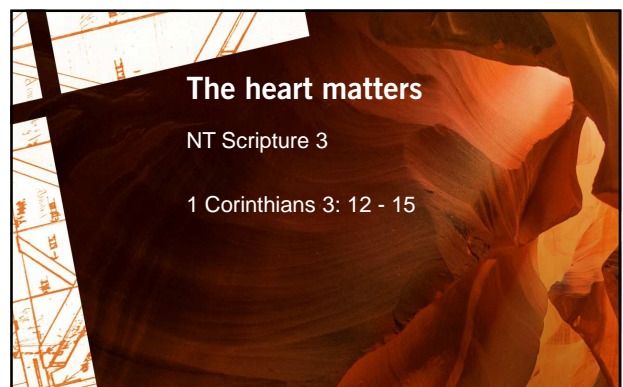
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NT Scripture 2  
Philippians 3: 13 – 4:1



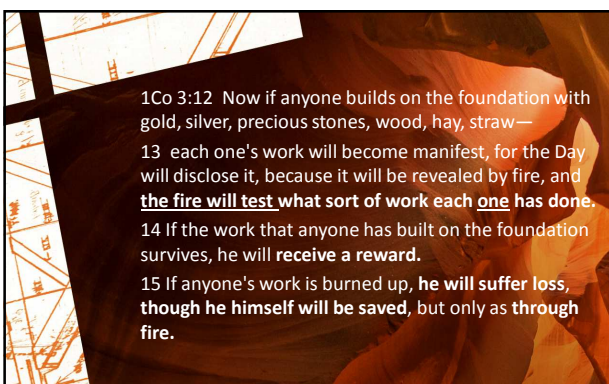
Php 3:17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.  
18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.  
19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.



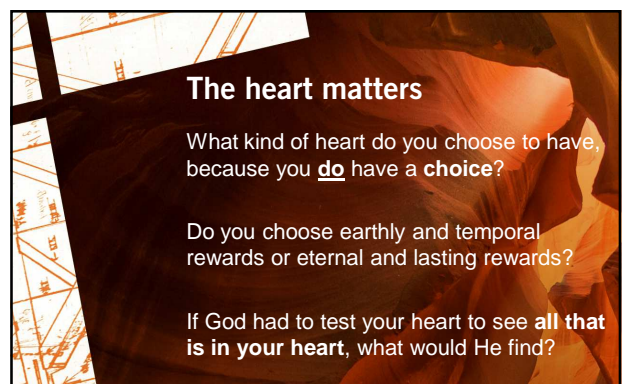
20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.  
4:1 **Therefore**, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.



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NT Scripture 3  
1 Corinthians 3: 12 - 15



1Co 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—  
13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.  
14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.  
15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.



**The heart matters**  
What kind of heart do you choose to have, because you do have a choice?  
Do you choose earthly and temporal rewards or eternal and lasting rewards?  
If God had to test your heart to see all that is in your heart, what would He find?