"What Have They Seen In Thy House?"

TEXT: 2 Kings 20:12-15 INTRODUCTION:

- A. BABYLON SAW WHAT WAS IN THE HEZEKIAH'S HOUSE AND WANTED.
- B. WHAT WOULD A VISITOR SEE IN OUR HOUSE?
 - 1. God already knows.
 - 2. What does God desire to see in our homes?

I. EACH PERSON IN HIS OR HER PROPER ROLE.

- A. GOD HAS A ROLE FOR WIVES(Eph. 5:22-24).
- B. FOR HUSBANDS(5:25-27).
- C. CHILDREN(**6:1-3**).
- D. FOR PARENTS(6:4; 1 Tim. 5:8).

II. RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

- A. THE GOLDEN RULE IS STILL GOLDEN(Matt. 7:12).
- B. THE KEY TO THIS IS LOVE(1 Cor. 13:4-7).
- C. SHOULD INCLUDE THOSE OUTSIDE THE FAMILY(Heb. 13:1-2).

III. DISCIPLINE OF EACH ONE.

- A. BEGINS WITH SELF(1 Cor. 9:25-27; Matt. 7:1-5).
- B. THE NEXT STEP IS PROPER TEACHING(Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:4-7).
- C. THEN COMES THE HARD PART(Heb. 12:7-11).
 - 1. Bible emphasis(**Prov. 22:15; 23:13-14**).
 - 2. Speedily, fairly, surely(Ecc. 8:11).
 - 3. **Eberlein** on discipline mistakes.
- D. WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?(Prov. 22:6).

IV. SPIRITUAL FOCUS.

- A. A REVERENCE FOR GOD(Heb. 12:28-29; 10:31; Matt. 22:37-40).
 - 1. An appreciation for what he has done(**1 John 4:9-10; 19**).
 - 2. Submission to his will(**1 John 5:3**).
- B. A LOVE FOR HIS WORD(Psa. 1:2-3).
- C. CONSECRATION(Gal. 2:20; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- D. RIGHT PRIORITIES(Matt. 6:33). IMPORTANT CHOICES(Josh 24:25).
- E. HEARTS TOO BUSY FOR WORLDLINESS(Phil. 4:8).
 - 1. Good literature and TV must be monitored.
 - 2. Worldly associations will be discouraged(**1 Cor. 15:33**).
- F. A GOOD PARENTAL EXAMPLE IN ALL THESE THINGS(Eph. 5:1).

CONCLUSION: WHAT WOULD GOD FIND IN MY HOUSE?