

Battle Not Follows Blessing

II Chron 32: 1ff

Intro - it is one of the great puzzles of Bible how good
come to be tumbled.

V. 1 - a surprise - after all these acts of faithfulness
then came out blessing but tattle = Sen always to
come in from another

Hez. A mirror reflects the experience in all ages &
a revelation of a great law & process of Divine Working

I Blessing does not lift us above the human

Situation - not immune from human weakness -
we are still subject to the ordinary contingencies of life

- The natural law is O's law

II Blessing Brings its Form of Trial & Trouble

II Kings 18:7 - if you provoke the enemy, he
will retaliate - persecute = the ~~world~~ world will
persecute his kind & person.

Learn at birth / Moses = the mighty operation of Spirit
always moves & draw forth into the open the antagonism
of natural & carnal mind

1 - to discredit spiritual leaders v. 11, 12

2 - to deceive believers v. 17

3 - to intimidate them.

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The only time O ignores us is when
He is through with us

III Blessing Equips us Battle + Better Blessing

1- Delivers us from resting on Past Blessings
Keeps us from getting lazy + presumption
32:2-8 - stirred to energy + activity.

2- Drives us to a Greater Dependence upon
G - v. 20 ; prayer v. 7, 8

Anything that makes us Pray is a blessing

3- Draws ~~us~~ us into a Deeper Experience of
G's Power + Grace v. v. 22, 23

D.M. Patton - "Vastly more was wrapped up in the
descent of the H.S. than the church has yet
experienced, or than the world has yet seen."

IV The blessing may become the Enemy

Hazakiah passed the trial ~~of~~ but
failed in the blessing v. 25

"There are large tracts of Scripture which have
no meaning, no blessedness to us until
they have been interpreted to us by
losses + sorrows." M. Faren