

“God’s Deliverance” **Isaiah 37**

Hezekiah’s Response V. 1-7

“Sackcloth” – An expression of humility, repentance, and dependence on God. *Jonah 3* (Nineveh was the capital of Assyria. This was approximately 750 B.C. Ashur-dan III is in power)

A Call to Prayer – Hezekiah calls on Isaiah and the Godly remnant that remain in Jerusalem to pray and draw close to God. Trust God! *1 Peter 4:12-19*

“Spirit”, “fall by his own sword” – God will give him a spirit of fear and he will die in his own land by his own sword.

Hezekiah’s Prayer V. 8-20

It is likely that Hezekiah forwarded Isaiah’s response to The Rabshakeh who then went to the king to report. King Sennacherib was engaged in defeating the Egyptian envoy in Libnah and sent a letter back to Hezekiah. Kings defiant to Assyria were often skinned alive and brutally tortured.

God is God – Creator, sovereign, God alone. *Psalms 115*

God will vindicate and Glorify Himself – God will not be mocked, He will fulfill what He has promised in order to reveal Himself. God provides in ways only God can do in order for us to see and know that He is God. *Judges 7:1-3*

God’s Response V. 21-38

Attitude and self-worship V. 21-29 – God first addresses the Assyrians arrogant attitude, worship of self, and mocking of the one true God. *Romans 1:18-25*

“Hook in your nose” – Rings were placed in the noses of Assyrian captives and slaves to humiliate them and control them. God will do the same to Sennacherib. *Obadiah 15-18*

A sign to Hezekiah V. 30-32 – Planting and abundance will return to Judah and Jerusalem, Assyria will not prevail. *Jeremiah 1:13-19*

God’s Promise V. 33-35 – God promised that Assyria will not fight against Jerusalem and will not have time to build a siege mound or anything. God will send Sennacherib running home and God will defend His city for His own Glory.

God’s Action – The “Angel of the Lord” is the same angel that appeared in Egypt to free the Hebrew people. *Exodus 12:29-32* The people in Jerusalem didn’t lift a finger.

Sennacherib ran back to Nineveh, his home and was killed by two of his sons with his own sword in the very spot he cursed God.

Application

Discussion Questions

How can you respond when the world confronts you?

What should be our focus in prayer?

How has God glorified himself in your life?

Homework

Read *Isaiah Ch. 38*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Let go of the things that confront you in life and watch for the miraculous glory of God.