

2 KINGS 19 – Sennacherib’s Threat and Hezekiah’s Prayer!

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I AM THINE OH LORD – Fanny Crosby; Merritt Island

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

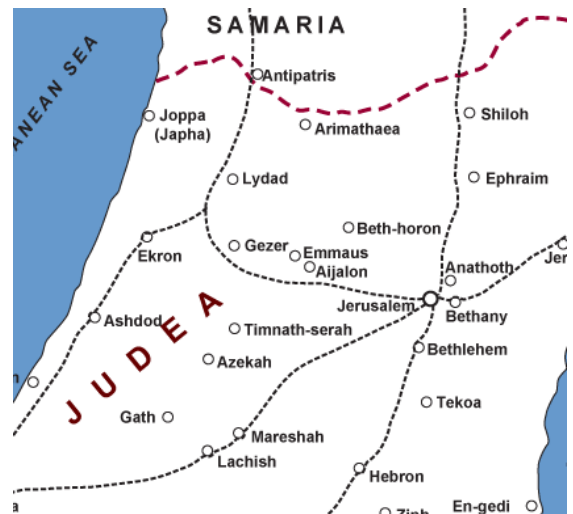
Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain – 2X)

2 Kings 19 – Hezekiah’s Recourse to God and Isaiah’s Prophecy:

Hezekiah came to the throne at a troubled, disturbed, and uncertain time in the land. The northern kingdom had been taken into captivity by Assyria. Now the Assyrian army has come to the gates of Jerusalem. This is enough to frighten Hezekiah, but added to this, Rabshakeh, who is the henchman of the king of Assyria, is outside the gate sending out taunts and insults. He is boasting about the great things Assyria is going to do to Jerusalem, and he ridicules the idea that God can deliver them.

HEZEKIAH SEEKS HELP FROM GOD - Tearing his clothes and wearing sackcloth indicate Hezekiah's deep distress and heavy afflictions. Notice that he goes into the house of the Lord. That is a good place to go when you are in mental turmoil. It is time to turn to God.



Isaiah Reassures Hezekiah

2Ki 19:1-13 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that **he tore his clothes**, covered himself **with sackcloth**, and **went into the house of the LORD**. [2] Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. [3] And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: '**This day is a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.**' [4] **It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.**' " [5] So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. [6] And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: '**Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.**' [7] Surely **I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.**' " "

Sennacherib Defies the Lord

2Ki 19:8-13 Then the Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish. [9] And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has come out to make war with you." So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, [10] "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." [11] Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? [12] Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar? [13] Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?' "

Hezekiah's Prayer

2Ki 19:14-20 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. [15] Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16] Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. 17] Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18] and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed

them. 19] Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God, You alone."

Isaiah Prophesies Sennacherib's Fall

2Ki 19:20; 32-37 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, **"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.'[32] 'Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: 'He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it. [33] By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city,' Says the LORD. [34] 'For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.' " [35] And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. [36] So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. [37] Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.**

SUMMARY:

- **This account of Hezekiah's actions and response to this threat is a great example for us when we face gigantic circumstances – "this is the end" – and we will all face them at some time and more so for God's people. What do we do?**
- **What did Hezekiah do? He tore his clothes; put on sackcloth and went into the house of God. He drew near to God! He drew close to God!**
- **In such circumstances many people will do the worst thing they can do! They begin to doubt God and the power of God! They begin to doubt His wisdom; His love for them! They begin to distance themselves from God!**
- **We see a very happy ending to this situation because Hezekiah does not abandon his relationship, his history with God.**
- **Some believers think that because they are children of God, they won't experience this kind of a trial. But we will! In fact, we will face more difficulties**
- **than unbelievers because in addition to all the difficulties in a fallen world, we have the obstacles of Satan and his followers!**
- **There will be great crisis in our lives. Jesus said, Joh 16:33 *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*"**
- **Are you facing such a crisis now? When you do, remember, as Hezekiah did, to draw closer to the LORD! Jas 4:8a *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.***
- **Also turn to other people in prayer! Gal 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.***
- **We so need the response that comes back from God - do not fear – I will!**
- **That's all we need to hear that God will take care of you and of me!**

OUR GOD REIGNS – Leonard Smith - Gaither

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him Who brings good news, good news, Announcing peace proclaiming news of happiness. Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! (2X)

Out of the tomb He came With grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes we know He is alive. [Chorus]

Pray Today For: Our Church, Internationally/Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Court. Our government leaders, especially now following the election.

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