

# 2 Kings 18:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 18: Faithful reformation faces external pressure. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 18 takes place during Hezekiah's reign in Judah, late 8th century BCE, around 715-686 BCE. The chapter's theme (Hezekiah's Reforms and Assyrian Threat) reflects the historical reality of genuine religious reform under Hezekiah, including trust in God that resulted in miraculous deliverance from Assyria. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions,

administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 18 regarding faithful reformation faces external pressure?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה	אֲדֹנָי	הֵעָלֵךְ	בְּרַשָׁקָה	הָאֵלֵהּ	וַיֹּאמֶר
<b>said</b> H559			<b>But Rabshakeh</b> H7262		
שָׁלַח נִי	אֲדֹנָי	לְדַבֵּר	אֶת	הַדְּבָרִים	הָאֵלֵה
<b>sent</b> H7971	<b>me to thy master</b> H113	<b>and to thee to speak</b> H1696		<b>these words</b> H1697	
אֶת	לֶאֱכֹל	הַחֹמָה	עַל	הַיֹּשְׁבִים	הָאֲנָשִׁים
	<b>that they may eat</b> H398	<b>on the wall</b> H2346		<b>which sit</b> H3427	
בְּמַכְמָם:	שִׁינִיָּהֶם	אֶת	וְלִשְׁתּוֹת	חֲרִיָּה	מִן
			<b>and drink</b> H8354		

