

Isaiah 36:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Analysis

The Rabshakeh's command not to let Hezekiah 'make you trust in the LORD' reveals the ultimate goal of all worldly philosophy - preventing faith in God. This verbal form emphasizes the ongoing nature of trust that must be actively maintained. The promise that Jerusalem would not be delivered into Assyria's hand becomes a test case for divine faithfulness versus human calculation.

Historical Context

Sennacherib's army had just destroyed Lachish, Judah's second-largest city, providing visible 'proof' that trusting God was futile. Archaeological evidence from Lachish confirms the brutal efficiency of Assyrian warfare.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What voices in your life actively discourage trusting God's promises?
2. How do you maintain faith when circumstances seem to contradict God's Word?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵל H408	יַבִּטְהוּ H982	אֶתְּךָ H853	חֲזַקְיָהוּ H2396	אֵל H413	יְהוָה H3068	לֵאמֹר H559
	make you trust		Neither let Hezekiah		The LORD	saying
וְיִצִּילֵנוּ H5337	וְיִצִּילֵנוּ H5337	יְהוָה H3068	לֹא H3808	תִּנָּתֵן H5414	הָעִיר H5892	אֵת H2063
deliver	deliver	The LORD		shall not be delivered	us this city	
בְּיַד H3027	מֶלֶךְ H4428	אַשּׁוּרִי H804				
into the hand	of the king	of Assyria				

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