

Isaiah 37:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

Analysis

Hezekiah's prayer begins with worship: addressing "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubim" grounds his petition in God's character and covenant relationship. "Thou art the God, even thou alone" is confession of monotheism against Assyrian polytheism. The declaration "thou hast made heaven and earth" establishes God's creative authority over all existence. Right theology precedes right prayer—understanding who God is shapes what we ask and expect. Hezekiah doesn't begin with his problem but with God's supremacy.

Historical Context

The cherubim referenced the ark's mercy seat where God's glory appeared (Exodus 25:22). This invocation reminded God of His covenant presence with Israel.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does beginning prayer with worship and theology prepare our hearts for petition?
2. Why is it important to ground prayer in God's character rather than immediately presenting needs?
3. What attributes of God most encourage you when facing overwhelming circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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