

Isaiah 37:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

Analysis

The climactic petition "Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand" moves from theological foundation to specific request. The purpose clause "that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only" reveals Hezekiah's primary motivation—not merely Judah's safety but God's glory among the nations. This God-centered prayer prioritizes divine reputation over personal comfort. It echoes Jesus teaching to pray "hallowed be thy name" before "give us daily bread." When God's glory is our chief concern, He delights to act.

Historical Context

The prayer for universal recognition of YHWH anticipates the Great Commission—God's salvation serves His mission to make His name known among all peoples.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does prioritizing God's glory in our prayers align them with His purposes?
2. What does it mean to desire God's reputation more than our own relief?
3. How can we cultivate prayer life that puts God's honor above our comfort?

Interlinear Text

וְעַתָּה	יְהוָה ה	הוֹשִׁיעַ נו	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	מִיַּד ו	
H6258	Now therefore O LORD	our God	save	us from his hand	
	H3068	H430	H3467	H3027	
וְיָדְעוּ	כָּל	מַמְלָכֹת וְ	הָאָרֶץ	כִּי	אֶת ה
may know	H3605	that all the kingdoms	of the earth	H3588	H859
H3045		H4467	H776		
	יְהוָה ה	לְבָדָּךְ:			
Now therefore O LORD	H905				
H3068					

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 46:10 (References God): Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Isaiah 42:8 (References Lord): I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Ezekiel 36:23 (References God): And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Malachi 1:11 (References Lord): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every

place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

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