

Isaiah 37:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

Analysis

Isaiah's message "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel" comes in direct response to Hezekiah's prayer, demonstrating that God hears and answers. The phrase "Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib" acknowledges the king's intercession. God's immediate response through His prophet shows that He was waiting for His people to turn to Him in faith. The prophetic answer validates Hezekiah's approach—bringing blasphemy and threats to God rather than attempting human solutions.

Historical Context

The rapid prophetic response showed God's active attention to His people's prayers. This contrasts with silent idols that cannot hear or respond.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God's quick response to prayer encourage continued intercession?

2. What does it mean that God sometimes waits for us to ask before acting?
3. How have you experienced God's specific answers to specific prayers?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּשְׁלַח **sent** H7971
 יִשְׁעֵי הוּא **Then Isaiah** H3470
 בֶּן **the son** H1121
 אָמ וַיְ
 אֵל **of Amoz** H531
 חִזְקִיָּהוּ הוּא H413 **unto Hezekiah** H2396
 אַמַּי ר **Thus saith** H559
 כֹּה H3541

אַמַּי ר **Thus saith** H559
 יְהוָה **the LORD** H3068
 אֱלֹהֵי י **God** H430
 יִשְׂרָאֵל ל **of Israel** H3478
 אֲשֶׁר H834
 הִתְפַּלְלָהְ לָתָּה **Whereas thou hast prayed** H6419

אֵל י H413
 אֶל H413
 סַנְחֶרִיב **to me against Sennacherib** H5576
 מֶלֶךְ **king** H4428
 אַשּׁוּרִי: **of Assyria** H804

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