

# 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

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פֶּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְדָקִי הָוֶה אֶל אָמַר וְצִוְּתָה  
 sent Then Isaiah the son of Amoz unto Hezekiah Thus saith H3541  
 H7971 H3470 H1121 H531 H413 H2396 H559

הַתְּפִלָּל לִפְנֵי אֶלְهָי יְהוָה אֶלְהָי שֶׁבָּא לְאַשְׁר Whereas thou hast prayed  
 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel H834 Whereas thou hast prayed H6419  
 H559 H3068 H430 H3478 H834 H6419

אֲשֶׁר מִלְּנָה אֶל אֶל יְהוָה אֶל אֶל סְנַחֵרִיב אֲשֶׁר  
 to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria H804  
 H413 H413 H5576 H4428 H804

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