

Isaiah 37:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

Analysis

Isaiah's message "Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid" directly addresses the core issue—fear. God's command not to fear the blasphemous words acknowledges their emotional impact but declares they cannot ultimately harm those under divine protection. The phrase "the servants of the king of Assyria" deliberately demotes Rabshakeh from his self-important posturing to mere servitude. God's perspective cuts through intimidation to reveal the true power dynamic—the creature cannot prevail against the Creator.

Historical Context

Prophetic formulas like "Thus saith the LORD" authenticated messages as divine speech, not human opinion. Isaiah spoke with God's authority, not his own speculation.

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 command "fear not" address our emotional response to threats?
2. What comfort comes from recognizing that enemies are merely servants while we serve the sovereign King?
3. How do we practically obey God's command not to fear when facing real threats?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	אֵלֵיהֶם	וְיִשְׁעֵי הוּא	כֹּה	אָמַר	אֵל	אֲדֹנֶיךָ
Thus saith	H413	And Isaiah	H3541	Thus saith	H413	unto your master
H559		H3470		H559		H113
כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֵל	תִּירָא	מִפְּנֵי	הַדְּבָרִים
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	H408	Be not afraid	of	the words
	H559	H3068		H3372	H6440	H1697
שָׁמָעְתָּ	אֲשֶׁר	גִּדַּפּוּ	נְעָרֵי	מֶלֶךְ		
that thou hast heard	H834	have blasphemed	wherewith the servants	of the king		
H8085		H1442	H5288	H4428		
אֲשֶׁר	אוֹתִי:					
of Assyria	H853					
H804						

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:4 (Kingdom): And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

Isaiah 35:4 (Parallel theme): Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

