

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 רְאֵבֶן אָמַר רְאֵבֶן
Thus saith H413 And Isaiah H3541 Thus saith H413 unto your master
H559 H3470 H559 H113

אָשָׁר רְאֵבֶן מִפְנֵי תִּירְאָא אָשָׁר רְאֵבֶן
H3541 Thus saith the LORD H408 Be not afraid of the words H834
H559 H3068 H3372 H6440 H1697

שְׁמַע עַת גְּדוֹלָה נְגַדֵּל
that thou hast heard H834 have blasphemed H1442 wherewith the servants of the king H4428
H8085 H853 H5288 H4428

אֲשֶׁר וְאַתָּה אֲשֶׁר
of Assyria H804 H853

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.

