

# Isaiah 38:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

## Analysis

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The simple statement "Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah" shows God's responsive initiative. Before Hezekiah's prayer concludes, God is already answering through His prophet. The immediacy demonstrates divine attentiveness to faithful prayer. This pattern of quick prophetic response reveals that God delights to answer prayers that align with His purposes. Isaiah's prophetic role as intermediary between God and king facilitates communication of divine will.

## Historical Context

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Prophetic response to royal prayer appears throughout the biblical narrative (2 Kings 20:1-11). God's use of prophets to communicate demonstrates the importance of His word.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's quick response to prayer encourage continued intercession?
2. What role do faithful messengers of God's word play in communicating His purposes?
3. How have you experienced God's timely answers to desperate prayers?

## Interlinear Text

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H1961 Then came the word H1697 of the LORD H3068 H413 to Isaiah H3470 saying H559

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