

Isaiah 38:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

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	of the LORD	H413	to Isaiah	saying
	H1697	H3068		H3470	H559

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