

When Trouble Comes, Take It to the Lord

2 Kings 19 opens with King Hezekiah hearing terrible news. The enemy, the Assyrians, led by Sennacherib and his spokesman Rabshakeh, had not only threatened Judah—they had blasphemed the living God. When Hezekiah heard it, **he tore his clothes**, put on sackcloth, and **went straight to the house of the Lord** (v.1). His officials did the same and sought out the prophet Isaiah.

“This day is a day of trouble and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.” — 2 Kings 19:3 NKJV

Hezekiah was basically saying, *“We’re overwhelmed. We’re at the end of our rope. We don’t have the strength to deal with this.”* Ever felt like that? Like you’re about to break, with no strength left to carry on? Hezekiah teaches us something powerful here—**go to God first**. He didn’t send an army. He didn’t rally political support. He ran to God.

When You're Overwhelmed, Turn to Prayer

The king asked Isaiah to pray for the "remnant that is left" (v.4). Maybe that’s you today—you feel like you’re just barely hanging on. The enemy has come at you hard, and you’re holding on by a thread. But take heart: **God hears the prayers of the remnant**.

God responded through Isaiah:

“Thus says the Lord: ‘Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me... I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.’”
— 2 Kings 19:6-7 NKJV

God wasn’t shaken by the enemy’s threats—and you don’t have to be either. **The fearsome words of men cannot undo the power of God.**

When You Don’t Know What to Do, Lay It All Before God

Later, Hezekiah received a threatening letter from Sennacherib. This wasn’t a vague danger—it was specific, detailed, and terrifying. But again, Hezekiah shows us the right response:

“Then Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord.”
— 2 Kings 19:14 NKJV

He literally laid the letter out before God and said, *“Lord, look at this.”* That’s such a practical step. When life hits you with fear, threats, or bad news, do what Hezekiah did—**lay it all out before the Lord**. Your worries. Your enemies. Your fears. Just spread it out before Him and pray.

God Defends What Belongs to Him

God answered Hezekiah again, reassuring him that the enemy wouldn’t even touch the city:

“He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there... For I will defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.” — 2 Kings 19:32,34 NKJV

Sometimes God lets the enemy get close—but not too close. He steps in and says, *“That’s far enough.”* He protects His people for **His sake**, because His name is on the line. And if you belong to Him, then **you are under His protection too**.

God Moves Powerfully—Sometimes Silently

That very night, God acted. No noise, no clash of swords. Just one angel, one night, and 185,000 Assyrian soldiers were dead by morning (v.35).

God doesn’t always fight with fanfare—but **He always wins**.

The Fear of God Should Wake Us Up

Isaiah later reflects on this event and says:

“The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: ‘Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?’”

— Isaiah 33:14 NKJV

The people who had been living hypocritically were terrified. They saw what God did and realized—**you don’t mess with a holy God**. Sometimes we need that kind of wake-up call. When God moves in power, it reminds us not just that He protects His people, but also that **He is holy** and not to be trifled with.

God Always Has the Final Word

Sennacherib went back to Assyria and was assassinated by his own sons while worshiping a false god (v.36-37). That’s how the story ended. Hezekiah didn’t have to lift a finger—**God took care of it all**.

Personal Takeaway:

Hezekiah's story is a powerful reminder that when threats come, **we have a choice**. We can panic—or we can pray. We can run to people—or we can run to God.

So today, whatever you’re facing—whether it’s fear, sickness, betrayal, or opposition—bring it to the Lord. Spread it out before Him. Talk to Him like Hezekiah did: *“God, here’s what I’m dealing with. I can’t fix this. But I know You can.”*

“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

— 1 Peter 5:7 NKJV

God is still in the business of defending His people, silencing their enemies, and proving that **He alone is God**.