

The Saving of Jerusalem

Isaiah 37

The Lord God will fight the battles of those who cry out to Him.

A. Hezekiah's Reaction to Rabshakeh (Isaiah 37:1-9)

- 1. He was grieved (37:1-2)**
- 2. He had clarity of thought and prayed (37:3-4a)**
- 3. He sought Godly Counsel (37:5)**
- 4. He exercised faith (37:6)**
- 5. He lets God handle the problem (37:7-9)**

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B. Hezekiah's Reaction to Sennacherib (Isaiah 37:10-20)

1. Same trial - Different circumstances (37:10-13)

2. A better reaction (37:14-20)

a. He went direct to God (v 14)

b. A specific prayer (37:15-20)

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C. God's Reaction to Hezekiah - Specific answers (Isaiah 37:21-35)

1. Concerning Sennacherib

- a. Sennacherib's evil cannot stand against the righteous (vv 21-22)**
- b. Sennacherib's evil is sin against God (vv 23-25)**
- c. Sennacherib is not god, I am (vv 26-28)**
- d. Sennacherib's end is near (v 29)**

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**C. God's Reaction to Hezekiah - Specific answers
(Isaiah 37:21-35) - continued**

2. Concerning Jerusalem (37:30-35)

- a. Near term provision (v 30)**
- b. Near term protection (v 31)**
- c. Near term progeny (v 32a)**
- d. I God will do this (v 32b)**
- e. An amazing promise (vv 33-35)**

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D. The End to the Assyrian Problem (Isaiah 37:36-38)

- 1. The destruction of the “invincible” army (37:36)**
- 2. The departure of the evil king Sennacherib (37:37)**
- 3. The death of God’s enemy (37:38)**
- 4. The demise of the Assyrians**

**It Is Easier When We Let God Fight
The Battles**

A New Lease on Life
Isaiah 38

What should we do when faced with death and eternity

I. The Pronouncement of Death (Isaiah 38:1)

Isaiah 38:1

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

A. At a time of crisis

B. Preparations necessary

II. The Prayer For Life (Isaiah 38:2-3)

A. In brokenness (38:2)

Isaiah 38:2

Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

B. In faith and in proper standing with God (38:3)

Isaiah 38:3

And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

III. The Promise of Healing and Deliverance (Isaiah 38:4-8)

A. From the Lord (38:4)

Isaiah 38:4

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

B. Fifteen years added to Hezekiah's life (38:5)

Isaiah 38:5

Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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C. Deliverance from the Assyrians promised (38:6)

Isaiah 38:6

And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

D. A supernatural sign given (38:7-8)

Isaiah 38:7-8

7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

IV. The Praise for Answered Prayer (Isaiah 38:9-20)

A. A recounting of the test (38:9-15)

Isaiah 38:9-15

9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

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A. A recounting of the test (38:9-15)

Isaiah 38:9-15 - continued

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

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A. A recounting of the test (38:9-15)

Isaiah 38:9-15 - continued

13 I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

Hebrews 10:38

**Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back,
my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**

Romans 1:17

**For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith
to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

IV. The Praise for Answered Prayer (Isaiah 38:9-20)

B. A recollection of the answer (38:16-20)

1. The just shall live by faith (v 16)

Isaiah 38:16

O LORD, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

2. The just shall live in God's love (v 17)

Isaiah 38:17

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

IV. The Praise for Answered Prayer (Isaiah 38:9-20)

B. A recollection of the answer (38:16-20) – continued

3. The just shall live in life (vv 18-19)

Isaiah 38:18-19

18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

4. The just shall live in praise (v 20)

Isaiah 38:20

The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

V. The Prescription for Healing (Isaiah 38:21-22)

A. A physical remedy often required (38:21)

Isaiah 38:21

For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

B. God's presence (38:22)

Isaiah 38:22

Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

How should we face eternity?

How should we live our lives?