

Lesson 14

Isaiah 36–37

The Story of Two Men—30 Years Apart

Ahaz—Wearied the Lord

- Jerusalem threatened by Syria and Israel (7:1).
- Ahaz and the people trembled (7:2).
- Assurances offered by God (7:3–16).
- Ahaz appeals to Assyria for help (2 Kings 16:7).

Hezekiah—Waited on Lord

- Jerusalem threatened by Assyria (36:1).
- Hezekiah and the people trembled (36:22–37:1).
- Assurances offered by God (37:6–7).
- Hezekiah appeals to God for help (37:14–20).

Many references throughout Isaiah to trust in God, reliance on Him, waiting on Him—which all point to one conclusion...

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him...” (Hebrews 11:6).

Hezekiah's Faith

- Sennacherib's Assyrian army—were they having success against the cities of Judah? (36:1).
- Who accompanied the Rabshakeh to Jerusalem? (36:2).
- What three men did Hezekiah send to meet the Rabshakeh? (36:3).
- Summarize the message he wanted them to deliver to Hezekiah (36:4–10).

Hezekiah's Faith

- What request did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah make? (36:11).
- And the Rabshakeh's reply? (36:12).
- Summarize the message he gave in a "loud voice" (36:13–20).
- What did Hezekiah's ambassadors say in reply? (36:21).

Hezekiah's Faith

- How did they present themselves before Hezekiah when they delivered the message? (36:22).
- How did Hezekiah react to the message, and to whom did he send Eliakim and Shebna? (37:1–2).
- What message did they deliver to Isaiah from Hezekiah? (37:3–5).
- Did Isaiah have any words of assurance? (37:6–7).

Hezekiah's Faith

- Sennacherib then sent messengers with a letter to Hezekiah. What did the letter say? (37:8–13).
- How did Hezekiah respond? (37:14–20).

Hezekiah's Faith Shown in Prayer

“O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, *the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You *are* God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire; for they *were* not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, **that** all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD, You alone (Isaiah 37:16–20).

Hezekiah's Faith

- Who, according to the LORD, would get the last laugh? (37:21–22).
- What had Sennacherib done against the LORD? (37:23–25).
- From whom had Sennacherib received any power he had? (37:26–27).
- So did Sennacherib view himself as doing the Lord's will? (37:28–29).

Hezekiah's Faith

- What “sign” did the LORD give Hezekiah? (37:30–32).
- What words of assurance were given concerning the king of Assyria and his army? (37:33–35).
- How many Assyrians did the angel of the LORD kill in one night? (37:36).
- Any irony in the way he was killed, and especially in the place he was killed? (37:37–38).