

## 7. The Prayer In This Place:

Hezekiah

2 Chronicles 32:1-23



### 1. The Invasion of the Life Snatchers (1-8)

**2 Chronicles 32:1** After these things and these acts of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them for himself. **2** And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem, **3** he planned with his officers and his mighty men to stop the water of the springs that were outside the city; and they helped him. **4** A great many people were gathered, and they stopped all the springs and the brook that flowed through the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?" **5** He set to work resolutely and built up all the wall that was broken down and raised towers upon it, and outside it he built another wall, and he strengthened the Millo in the city of David. He also made weapons and shields in abundance. **6** And he set combat

commanders over the people and gathered them together to him in the square at the gate of the city and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, 7 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for there are more with us than with him. 8 With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

## 2. The Battle For The Mind (9-19)

**2 Chronicles 32:9** After this, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, who was besieging Lachish with all his forces, sent his servants to Jerusalem to Hezekiah king of Judah and to all the people of Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying, 10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting, that you endure the siege in Jerusalem? 11 Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst, when he tells you, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"? 12 Has not this same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, "Before one altar you shall worship, and on it you shall burn your sacrifices"? 13 Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands at all able to deliver their lands out of my hand? 14 Who among all the gods of those nations that my fathers devoted to destruction was able to deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand? 15 Now, therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you in this fashion, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand!'" "

**2 Chronicles 32:16** And his servants said still more against the Lord GOD and against his servant Hezekiah. **17** And he wrote letters to cast contempt on the LORD, the God of Israel and to speak against him, saying, "Like the gods of the nations of the lands who have not delivered their people from my hands, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver his people from my hand." **18** And they shouted it with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, in order that they might take the city. **19** And they spoke of the God of Jerusalem as they spoke of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.

- Revelation 12:5,6
- John 8:44

### 3. Why Don't We Pray? (20)

**2 Chronicles 32:20** Then Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this and cried to heaven.

- Prayer and the Word  
Isaiah 37:1-4 & 5-7  
Isaiah 37:14-20 & 21,23; 33-36

## 4. The Deliverance and Blessing (21-23)

**Psalms 34:4** I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **5** Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. **6** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

### **Psalms 116**

- 1** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- 2** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 3** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4** Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- 5** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- 6** The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
- 9** I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.