

2 Kings 18:35 (NLT)

What god of any nation has ever been able to save its people from my power? So what makes you think that the Lord can rescue Jerusalem from me?"

2 Kings 19:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ After Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it, he went up to the LORD's Temple and spread it out before the LORD.

³² And this is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria: His armies will not enter Jerusalem. They will not even shoot an arrow at it. They will not march outside its gates with their shields nor build banks of earth against its walls.

³³ The king will return to his own country by the same road on which he came. He will not enter this city, says the LORD. ³⁴ For my own honor and for the sake of my servant David, I will defend this city and protect it.

Don't POKE the Bear

2 Chronicles 32





2 Kings 18:1–3 (NLT)

¹ Hezekiah son of Ahaz began to rule over Judah in the third year of King Hoshea's reign in Israel...

³ **He did what was PLEASING in the LORD's sight,** just as his ancestor **David had done.**

⁷...there is a **POWER** far greater on our side.

⁸ He may have a great army, but they are merely men. **We have the LORD OUR God** to help us and to fight our battles for us...

2 Kings 18:5–6 (NIV)

Hezekiah **TRUSTED in the LORD**, the
God of Israel. There was **no one** like him
among **ALL** the kings of Judah,
either before him or after him.

⁶ He **HELD FAST** to the LORD and
did **NOT Cease to Follow Him**;
he **KEPT the commands** the LORD
had given Moses.

Deuteronomy 30:19–20 (NIV)

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have **set before you LIFE and DEATH, Blessings and Curses. Now CHOOSE life**, so that you and your children may live

²⁰ and that you may **LOVE** the **LORD**
your God, LISTEN to His voice,
and **HOLD FAST to Him.**
For the LORD IS your life...

This morning, being myself more than usually compassed with infirmities, I desire to speak, as a weak and suffering preacher, of that High Priest who is full of compassion: my longing is that any who are low in spirit, faint, despondent, may take heart to approach the Lord Jesus... He is touched Not with our strength but with our weakness. In such times Christ draws NEAR to us to walk with us... Spurgeon

Isaiah 43:1–3 (NIV)

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says - He who **created you**, O Jacob, He who **formed you**,
O Israel: **Fear not**, for I have **redeemed you**;
I have **summoned you by name**; you are **MINE**.

² **When** you pass through the waters, **I will be with you;** and **when** you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. **When** you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For **I AM the LORD**, YOUR God,
the **Holy One** of Israel,
YOUR Savior...

2 Kings 18:35 (NIV)

³⁵ Who of all the gods of these countries has
been able to save his land from me?

How then can the **LORD deliver**
Jerusalem from my hand?...

19:14 Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD... (NIV)

19:19 Now, O LORD our God, **DELIVER us**
from his hand, so that ALL kingdoms on
earth may know that **You ALONE,**
O LORD, are God. (NIV)

¹⁴ ...**What makes you think your God**
can rescue you from me? ¹⁵ **Don't let**
Hezekiah deceive you! Don't let him
fool you like this...

¹⁶ And Sennacherib's officers **further**
MOCKED the LORD God and his servant
Hezekiah, heaping **insult upon insult**.

¹⁷ The king also **sent letters SCORNING** the
LORD, the God of Israel.



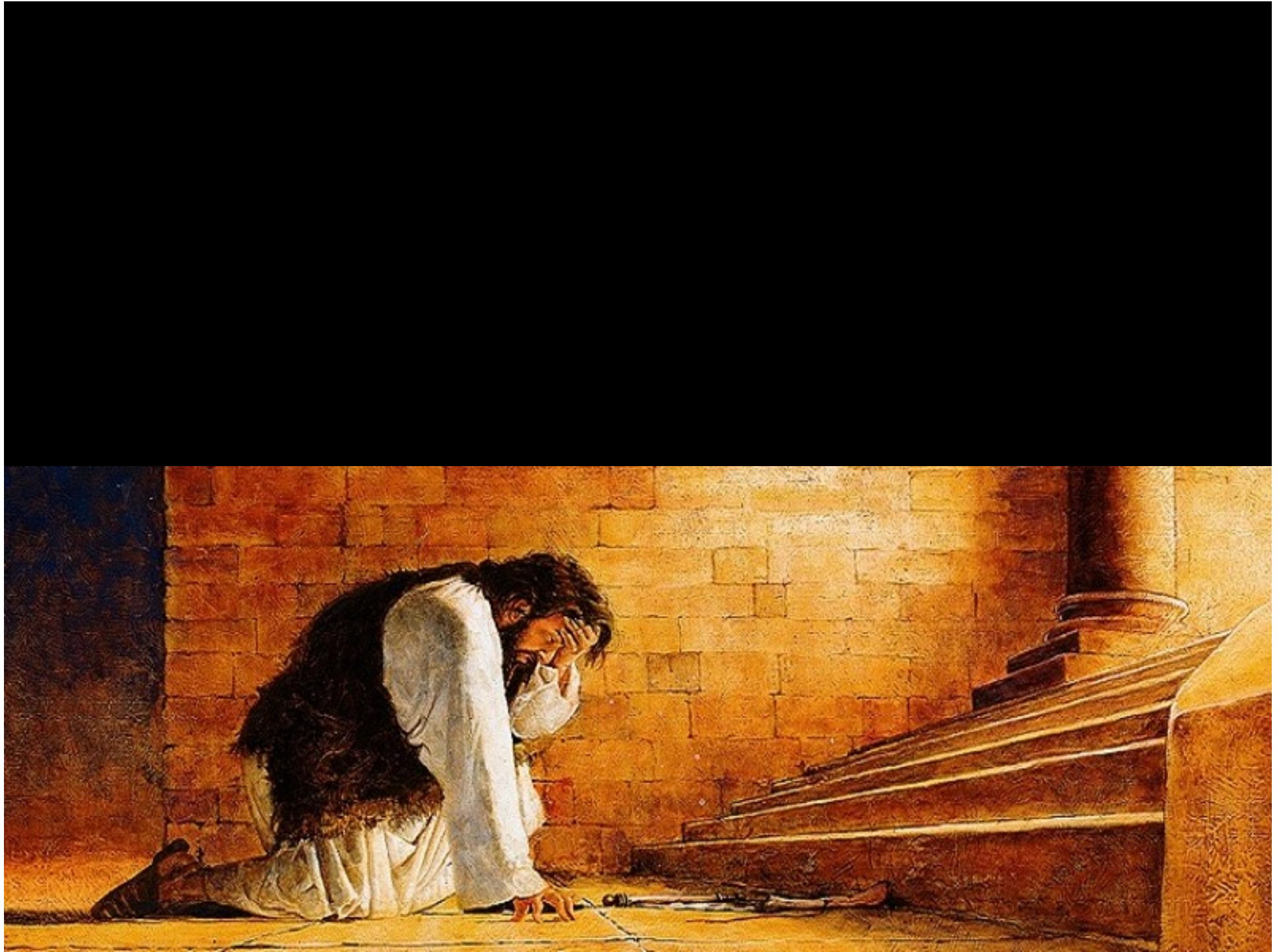
2 Kings 19:32–33 (NIV)

...this is what the LORD says concerning the king of Assyria: **He will NOT enter this city** or **shoot an arrow** here. He will **NOT come before** it with **shield** or build a **siege ramp** against it.

³³ By the way that he came
he will RETURN; he will **NOT**
enter this city, declares the LORD.

²¹ And **the LORD sent AN ANGEL** who **destroyed** the Assyrian army with **ALL its commanders AND officers.**

So Sennacherib was forced to return home in disgrace to his own land



1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.

⁷ **Cast ALL** your anxiety **ON Him** because **He cares for you.**

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

He has showed you, O man, what is **GOOD**.

And what does the **LORD REQUIRE** of
you? To **act justly** and to **love mercy**
and to **walk humbly WITH your God**.