

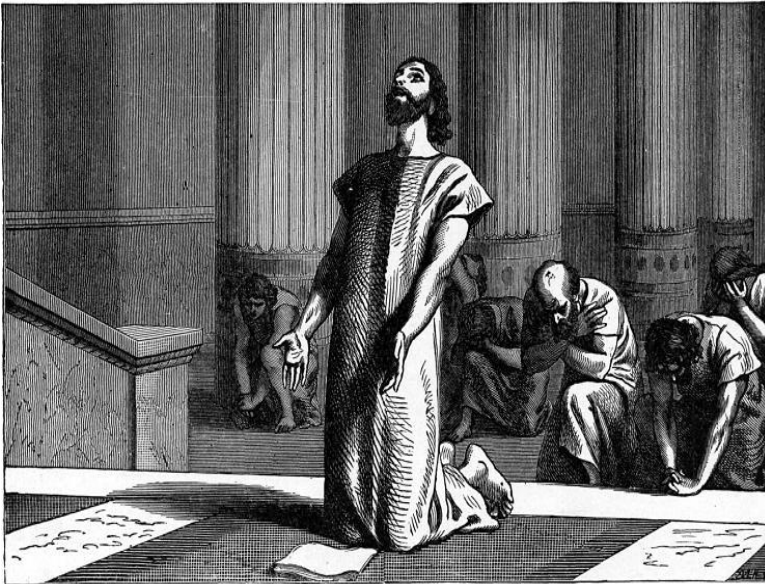
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## King Hezekiah

Scripture to read: 2Kings 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter

King Hezekiah ruled over the nation in a pleasing way to the Lord. He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles.

After the reign of David, There was no one like King Hezekiah among all the kings of Judah. The Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. During these days king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them and sent his supreme commander, he told the people do not let Hezekiah deceive you, he cannot deliver you from my hand, and also lied by saying that the Lord had sent him to destroy them and told them to Make peace with him and come out to him. Then each of you will eat fruit from your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern until I come and take you to a land like your own—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, he told the people all such pleasing words. He also boastfully challenged the Lord saying that no God can ever stop the victory of King Assyria.



When King Hezekiah heard this, he went up to the temple of the Lord and prayed to the Lord: “Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God. Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God.” That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! Hallelujah!! Yes Children, when trouble came, what did Hezekiah do? 1. He went into the temple of the Lord. 2. He prayed. Can we also follow the same discipline even in our lives? May the Lord send an angle to protect us and to fight our battles. Amen

**Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. Deuteronomy 4:39**

### Prayer

Lord alone is God, there is none beside him. Holy Father we will not tremble looking at the situation but will look at the Lord and pray and gain victory. Amen

