

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 18,19th chapter

King Hezekiah

King Hezekiah, who ruled from Jerusalem, did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight, just as his ancestor David had done and he removed the pagan shrines, smashed the sacred pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before or after his time. He remained faithful to the LORD in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the LORD had given Moses. So the LORD was with him and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did. He revolted against the king of Assyria and refused to pay him tribute. In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, King Sennacherib of Assyria came to attack the fortified towns of Judah, King Hezekiah makes an agreement with him. King Hezekiah gave whatever tribute money he demanded. But Sennacherib's chief of staff mocked God and King Hezekiah saying, "Don't trust Hezekiah or the God he serves," Has the gods of any other nations ever saved their people from the king of Assyria.

Question:

Did it happen just like the chief of Assyria told?

Answer:

When King Hezekiah heard their report, he tore his clothes and went into the Temple of the LORD. And he sent the elders, and the leading priests, to the prophet Isaiah. So Isaiah told, the king of Assyria will receive a message that he is needed at home. So he will return to his land. And it happened just like Isaiah told. Again King Sennacherib came for battle against Israel. Hezekiah sent word to Isaiah the prophet to plead before the Lord. Isaiah the prophet replies" because of Hezekiah and his servant David, the Lord will protect you". He also told them that the Assyrians will never overcome them. That night the angel of the LORD went out to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers.

Children it is because King Hezekiah feared the Lord, he and the people of Judah were protected. When trials and temptations arise, immediately sit in the presence of God. King Hezekiah did the same. He did not prepare his army, horses and chariots when he heard that his enemy were about to approach, rather he beings to seek the Lord. Even you should live a life that is dependable and pleasing to God.

This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. Psalms 91:02

Prayer

Holy Lord, even we desire to live a Holy life like King Hezekiah without committing any sin against you.

Thank you for answering the prayers of those who live a Holy life father. Amen