

I. Prayer: Our Great Weapon in Warfare (20)

A. Prayer is driven by our need (20) - “Then Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this and cried to heaven.”

B. Prayer must be centered in God’s glory (Isaiah 37:16-20) - “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth. 17 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 mock the living God. 18 Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, 19 and have cast their gods into the fire. For they were no gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. Therefore they were destroyed. 20 So now, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone are the LORD.”

C. Prayer shifts momentum in warfare (Isaiah 37:21-22, 29) - “Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Because you have prayed to Me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22 this is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him... 29 Because you have raged against Me and your complacency has come to My ears, I will put My hook in your nose and My bit in your mouth, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came.”

II. Angels: Our Great Partners in Warfare (21)

A. An overlooked partnership (21a) - “And the LORD sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria.”

Isaiah 37:36-37 - “And the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 37 Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home and lived at Nineveh.”

B. An undervalued partnership (21b) - “So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he came into the house of his god, some of his own sons struck him down there with the sword.”

III. Victory: Our Great Promise in Warfare (22-23)

A. Israel won (22) - “So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib king of Assyria and from the hand of all his enemies, and He provided for them on every side.”

B. Israel worshipped (23) - “And many brought gifts to the LORD to Jerusalem and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from that time onward.”