

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

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That All the Kingdoms of Earth
May Know

Isaiah 37:5-38

May 15, 2016

Sermon Text

Isaiah 37:5 When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, [6] Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, 'Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the young men of the king of Assyria have reviled me. [7] Behold, I will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land, and I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.'" [8] The Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had left Lachish. [9] Now the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, "He has set out to fight against you." And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, [10] "Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you by promising that Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. [11] Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, devoting them to destruction. And shall you be delivered? [12] Have the gods of the nations delivered them, the nations that my fathers destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar? [13] Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, the king of Hena, or the king of Ivvah?'" [14] Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. [15] And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: [16] "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." [21] 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: "'She despises you, she scorns you—the virgin daughter of Zion; she wags her head behind you—the daughter of Jerusalem. [23] "'Whom have you mocked and reviled? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes to the heights? Against the

Holy One of Israel! [24] By your servants you have mocked the Lord, and you have said, With my many chariots I have gone up the heights of the mountains, to the far recesses of Lebanon, to cut down its tallest cedars, its choicest cypresses, to come to its remotest height, its most fruitful forest. [25] I dug wells and drank waters, to dry up with the sole of my foot all the streams of Egypt. [26] "'Have you not heard that I determined it long ago? I planned from days of old what now I bring to pass, that you should make fortified cities crash into heaps of ruins, [27] while their inhabitants, shorn of strength, are dismayed and confounded, and have become like plants of the field and like tender grass, like grass on the housetops, blighted before it is grown. [28] "'I know your sitting down and your going out and coming in, and your raging against me. [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.' [30] "And this shall be the sign for you: this year you shall eat what grows of itself, and in the second year what springs from that. Then in the third year sow and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. [31] And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward. [32] For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. [33] "Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. [34] By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the Lord. [35] For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David." [36] 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. [38] And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him down with the sword. And after they escaped into the land of Ararat, Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

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| Sermon Application Questions | Sermon Outline |
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| <p>1. How do verses 20 and 35 inform us about what motivates God?</p> <p>2. In relationship to God, what makes our current cultural climate in America so alarming?</p> <p>3. Discuss this quote from Ray Ortlund- Have you come to realize how the God-centeredness of God is good news for you? For one thing, it means that your unworthiness is irrelevant to God's readiness to save you. He is not responding to what you deserve; He is proving what a good Savior he is. Don't you see? This opens up a new definition of happiness. Happiness is God being God to you. Stop praying, "Lord, I want you to make my life better." Stop praying, "Lord, I want you to make my husband or wife better. I want my children to behave. I want an ideal job." When you pray that way, you can only end up frustrated, because God will not subordinate himself to any human agenda. Start praying, "Lord, I just want you to be God to me. I want my life, with my problems, to show the world that you save sinners."</p> | <p>Understanding God's passion for His own glory will steer believers in the way of peace and joy.</p> <p>I. The danger of mocking God's name and glory (5-14)</p> <p>II. The right way to make an appeal to God (15-21)</p> <p>III. Judgment and Salvation for God's glory (22-38)</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Requests</p> <p>This week our family will lift up requests for:</p> <p>This week our family will praise the Lord for:</p> <p>HFG Notes & Actions:</p> <p>Next HFG meeting is:</p> |