

***“<sup>7</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. <sup>8</sup> With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.”***

***(2Chronicles 32:7-8)***

***Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged:*** This encouragement so needed today. There are certain figures or names bring certain fear in your life because of the great threat and power that they might have.

At the time of the King Hezekiah, the king of Judah, the **king of Assyria and the vast army with him** was a big threat because that king and the army with him had conquered and destroyed many nations. That king came with big army threatening the people of Judah and Jerusalem city and insulting even the Lord our God. But what happened, and how King Hezekiah and the people with him got delivered from that trouble was as the following: ***“<sup>20</sup> King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to heaven about this. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the leaders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace. And when he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons cut him down with the sword.”*** (2Chronicles 32:20-21)

***The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16); God worked out wonderfully to save and deliver his people. As we live obediently unto the Lord, our prayers are effective and best weapon to defeat the enemies who try to advance against us and take away God’s blessing.***

***For there is a greater power with us than with him. “So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib king of Assyria and from the hand of all others. He took care of them on every side.”*** (2Chronicles 32:22)

***With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles:*** The arm of the flesh is what the nations boast of with what they have from money, weapons, treasure, armies, etc. But we have more than what they have, The Holy Spirit, God Almighty with us, ***“<sup>4</sup> You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.”*** (1John 4-6)

***Be like King Hezekiah and encourage the people who are with you with God’s word and God’s promises when they are facing dangers and pray for them to get delivered for the Lord is with you.***

### ***My Prayer***

***Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your encouraging word to me and for The Holy Spirit that I received from you. Lord remind me always of that and to keep trusting you and all your promises in every hard situation of my life, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.***

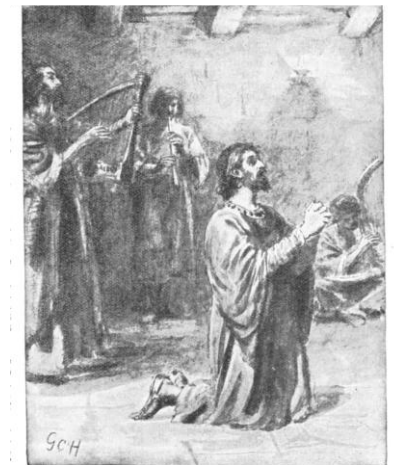


***“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.”***

***(Psalm 34:17)***

# **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

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***“The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.”***

***(Psalm 37:39)***

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