

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

THEN ISAIAH SON OF AMOZ SENT THIS MESSAGE TO HEZEKIAH: "THIS IS WHAT THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, SAYS: BECAUSE YOU PRAYED ABOUT KING SENNACHERIB OF ASSYRIA, THE LORD HAS SPOKEN THIS WORD AGAINST HIM..." ISAIAH 37:21-22

HEZEKIAH WAS FACING A NATIONAL CRISIS AND AN ENEMY THAT WAS FAR BEYOND HIS POWER TO CONTEND WITH. HE WAS OVERWHELMED WITH THE THREATS OF HIS ENEMY AND HIS ENEMY'S RECORD OF SUCCESS. SO WHAT DID HEZEKIAH DO? HE PRAYED. THE BIBLE THEN TELLS US THAT GOD RESPONDED WITH THESE POWERFUL WORDS: "BECAUSE YOU PRAYED."

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A SOVEREIGN GOD IS MOVED BY OUR PRAYERS, BUT HE IS! NOT ONLY IS HE MOVED, BUT THE EVENTS AROUND US ARE ALTERED AS WE INVITED THE KING OF ALL THE UNIVERSE INTO THE AFFAIRS OF OUR LIVES.

SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS WILL HAPPEN IN OUR LIVES, BECAUSE WE PRAYED.

*Father, when faced with the world around us,
Help us to bring all things to You in prayer.*

- **DELIBERATE, FAITH-FILLED PRAYERS HOLD POWER AND POTENTIAL. THE FATHER HEARS AND RESPONDS. LAY OUT YOUR PRAYERS BEFORE A SOVEREIGN AND LOVING GOD. WRITE THEM DOWN. EXPECT GOD TO IGNITE CHANGE.**