

After all that Hezekiah had so faithfully done, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities, thinking to conquer them for himself...<sup>7</sup> Hezekiah said to Judah, "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.

- II Chronicles 32:1, 7, 8

Sennacherib, the mighty warrior king, of the terrifying nation of Assyria had repeatedly attacked Judah from about 705-689 BC, each time being repulsed by our Lord. The record of the above attack happened in about the year 701 BC, while Hezekiah was king of Judah. Hezekiah was extremely strong in faith and deeply trusted in our God. He led his people with great resolve, boldness and compassion. He knew God personally and operated within this relationship to wisely lead Judah.

Hezekiah had done everything correctly in preparation against Sennacherib and Assyria's attacks, but the enemy still seemed to have the upper-hand and more than excelled in their unusually terrifying stance in war. Today, we are doing all we can to protect ourselves against "the virus", but it is attacking us locally and across our country. What can we do? How can we get better at protecting ourselves? *These are probably the wrong questions, even though they are wise, and we need to pay attention to the answers.*

**The best question is:** How can we seek God better and ask him to protect us and give us victory against this "virus"?

**The Answer:** - Continue to do all the things the CDC recommends...Such as: stay home, use masks & gloves wisely, wash hands often, stay far away from people who are not upholding the CDC guidelines

- Be wise and protect your family from infection
- Pray and read the Word often
- Ask God to protect you and your family everyday
- Contact your friends and family often to check-up on them
- Tune-in to Refreshing and Encouraging times with God at Trinity:
  - ▶ Trinity Website: [www.trinityupc.com](http://www.trinityupc.com)
  - ▶ Sunday Worship Times on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/trinityupc>
  - ▶ Read Print & Watch Video devotions on our Facebook and Website
  - ▶ Be a part of our Skype Devotions on Wednesdays at 7 pm
- **Listen for the Phone calls to you from Trinity leaders...**rolling out today and will continue until the crisis is over

Martin J. Selman, lecturer in Old Testament at Spurgeon's College, London, England writes: "The Genuineness of Faith often emerges only in one's reaction to trouble." As the "great theologian" Jackie Gleason used to say, "Ain't it the truth!"

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Be careful and prayerful out-there saints!

- Pastor Jim