

## Jesus the Lord of Armies

### 2 Kings 19:34-35 KJV

**[34] For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. [35] And it came to pass that night that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.**

**(Show video of angel releasing Peter and the Apostles in jail, the angel teleporting man off the street in China and the complication video all at one time without interruption.) I may want you to repeat videos two and three while I am preaching)**

God allows us to see, feel, and experience the presence of Angels to increase our faith and courage.

One of God's names is **"the Lord of Hosts or the Lord of Armies"**. In Hebrew it is pronounced Tza-va. (Tzva'ot) It is found 235 times in the scriptures. When we call Jesus the **"Lord of Hosts"**, there is so much in that name.

God uses Angels with the human race for four reasons:

1. He is a warrior, mighty in battle. **Ex. 23:20** says the Lord shall send an Angel before you to guard and lead the way for His people.
2. He uses Angels to conduct and orchestrate the entirety of all creation. Every atom, every molecule, moves in accordance with His purposes and at His command. He sustains everything by His powerful Word.
3. He uses Angels for protecting people in life threatening circumstances. We see this with Hagar in **Genesis 21:16-18** where she encounters an Angel while in the wilderness left to die. God said I heard the voice of the lad crying. (Story of Vyon's car hitting a deer, her car going through another car, my car was teleported to the other side of the highway.)

But I want to focus a minute on the fourth and final purpose of our encountering with Angels because the Bible says we entertain them unaware.

4. The fourth reason God uses Angels is to defend the honor of His name and glory through relational submission.

These four reasons are why God uses Angels in the earth for the human race:

1. We cannot command Angels to do things.
2. We should not worship Angels nor fixate our faith in them.
3. All Angels represent the name, the love and the purpose of Jesus Christ when dealing with the human race.
4. All demons and spirits are fallen angels.

All soothsayers, psychics, fortune tellers, channellers, mediums, wizards, warlocks, witchcraft and voodoo all operate through fallen angels who are under the full control of Jesus Christ the Lord of All Angel Armies.

The angelic world is set up through three Ace Angels, Lucifer, the son of the Morning, Gabriel the Messenger Angel, and Michael the Warring Angel according to scriptures.

God wants you and me to know and experience the power of His Angelic presence to give us the courage and obedience to love relationally:

- So we would exercise boldness of faith in His love in difficult times of loving people.
- God shows us this incredible demonstration of power and miracles through Angels.
- He does this to get us to trust Him when it's time to pursue Him.

- So we might hold onto Him and His love when we run out of answers for our situations.
- He uses the demonstration of Angels to build our character to love without fear.
- So we can grow up in love.

Let's go back to back to our opening chapter with the story of King Hezekiah for a moment. I want to show you how God is ready to perform the miraculous amongst us.

**2Kings 18:13 KJV**

**[13] Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.**

Notice the enemy's first attack on God's people is to go after our joy and our praise. Sennacherib attacks Israel first by going after Judah. This brought depression to Israel. It's hard to fight and sustain yourself in any battle without spiritual strength that comes from Judah which means praise. This king was bloodthirsty. He captured 46 cities. Took over 200,000 people as prisoners. He send a powerful army to block off and surround Jerusalem. Hezekiah had to build cisterns to survive. I was there and saw the cisterns. Put yourself in Israel's place for a moment. Every day you hear of your friends or relatives being taken captive by evil or a satanic stronghold. Yet God says have faith in me. But your Judah has been taken away.

Now the next thing we see in this story is Hezekiah is asked to pay tribute and money for his freedom. He gives up a lot of money to keep peace. When you get hit in your pocket book it reveals the secrets of your heart and what you really value. This is a form of compromise on Hezekiah part. And we can find ourselves compromising our values in order to keep peace in our lives. But King Sennacherib did not stop after receiving money. The devil never stops coming after a situation in your life that you compromised with. He takes your Judah now he is after your values and the things you stand for.

Hezekiah is attacked again and this time the people are mocked about their God's ability to deliver them.

**2 Kings 18:17-19**. Read it.

They are intimidated with a great army. This is where some of you are today. Intimidated by relational circumstances. This is a season they are experiencing great fear and instability in their country and in their future. So now they have lost Judah, they are going broke and they now face great fear. During this time Hezekiah consults the prophet Isaiah. He humbled himself to hear from God. **2 Kings 19:1-4**, listen to what Hezekiah says here. Souls are getting saved Lord but they have no strength. In other words if we do not deal with our Sennacherib's properly we cannot be effective soul winners. The new saints, and our new believers, will live spiritually weak lives.

Now on this final attack coming in **2 Kings 19:10**, Israel is told they will now be invaded. Can you imagine hearing our country will now be invaded and there is nothing you can do about it? Or you are about to lose your job, or a relative dying and you feel hopeless about it. Or you wrestling with misunderstandings with people you love and submit to. Hezekiah now goes into prayer.

Hezekiah goes from three extremes in his faith.

- 1) He gives in and compromises at first and gives his money away, then 2) to seek the man of God and finally 3) he cries out to God in prayer.

**2 Kings 19:14-20 KJV**

**[14] And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. [15] And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said, O Lord God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. [16] Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, Lord, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. [17] Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, [18] 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 have destroyed them. [19] Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord God, even thou only. [20] Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, thus saith the Lord God of Israel that which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.*

God emphasizes trust at least ten times in these chapters. Especially **2 Kings 18:5**.

Like Hezekiah we need to rebel against our personal intimidation's we are experiencing against our enemy. God speaks through the prophet Isaiah and pronounces judgment on Sennacherib.

Vs. 34 was God's motivation to defend Israel. For David's sake. We must speak this to ourselves and towards God in prayer. This is a story of fear, abandonment, and intimidation for Israel.

**2 Kings 19:34-37** God smites 185,000 Assyrians by one Angel.

Without Hezekiah taking a stance the course of history would have forever been changed. Jerusalem would have ceased to exist. God has the power to speak right into the darkness of your circumstances. He said let there be light.

But before He intermingles the Angelic world with you and me, He is trying to teach us the character of love for His Word and for His people.

The Angel told Hagar to go back and submit to Abraham's wife. The Angel told Peter to go back to the temple and face persecution.

Look how angels intervene with Jesus in **Luke 22:42-43 KJV**

*[42] Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. [43] And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*

**Matthew 26:52-53 KJV**

*[52] Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. [53] Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*

**Isaiah 53:10 KJV**

*[10] Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.*

Jesus is the Lord of Armies capable at any time to release the miraculous into your circumstances. But He does it to bring honor to relational crucified love.

The soldiers surrounding Solomon's palanquin bed represent God's Angels.

The Angels desire to look into this kind of relational love. They do not understand what Jesus is doing with the human race. Cherubs represent God's mercy seat when blood comes down through repentance and worship. He is the Lord of Armies fighting for His people. In His time with an outstretched hand He will defend the glory and the honor of His name. If we will submit ourselves one to another in relational love.

This is the key to discipleship and soul winning. This is why we take prayer, fasting, and worship so serious. It activates God's Angelic Armies for His people.

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