The Enemy at the Gates

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INTRODUCTION

- The year is 700 BC. You and me and all of our families are Israelites. And we live in Jerusalem.
- Here's my question for you tonight. Which option. Think about your children. Which option would you choose?

1 The Enemy Is All About Destruction

Isaiah 36:1–2; Isaiah 36:19–20; Isaiah 37:10–13

- Number one, he is all about destruction. Sennacherib tears down and destroys everything that he touches.
- Second observation, he commands a large army to attack.
- He hates us. He puts an army against us and he undermines any idea that faith could help us.

2 The Enemy Was Also Very Deceitful

Isaiah 36:7–10; Isaiah 36:14–17

- He was destructive, but he was also very deceitful.
- He doesn't want to destroy everything. He wants to destroy everything he has to destroy, and he wants to own.
- He is lying. These are lies. Both of those things are lies. But that's how he tries to demoralize these people.
- Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you.

3 Hezekiah Was an Incredibly Honorable Man

2 Chronicles 29:2–9; 2 Chronicles 30:1–9; 2 Chronicles 32:7–8

- Number one, he was an incredibly honorable man.
- He did right in the sight of the Lord according to all that his father David had done.
- He commanded that all of us become God fearing, worshipful people.
- It doesn't matter who our enemy is. It doesn't matter how dire it looks. I'm here to tell you that God can deliver us.

4 He Was Very Humble as Well

Isaiah 37:1–4; Isaiah 37:17–20; Isaiah 37:34–38

- He was very humble as well. He gave all of his allegiance to the Lord.
- He sought the will of God, and when things got tough, he prayed.
- The whole city decided in the face of that army to hold their ground and trust their king and lean on the Lord.

- Then the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians.

5 There Is Still an Enemy at the Gates

1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10; John 8:44

- Can I tell you that the devil is real? That he is the Sennacherib of our day.
- Satan is about destruction. All he wants to do is hurt you.
- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
- The devil wants to destroy the good in your life, but leave you alive.

6 Can I Tell You About King Jesus

John 10:10–18; John 17:1–4

- I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd.
- Our King is honorable, and He has crossed the veil and come back to prove to us that we can live.
- But Jesus, our victorious, honorable deity, humble king, has assured us victory if we stay with him.

THE CHALLENGE

Here's the question tonight. What are you going to choose? Because it's not 700 BC. It's 2016 AD.

MY NOTES