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2 Kings 20:1-11

The Hebrew meaning of King Hezekiah's name is, "God gives strength." When the King of Assyria threatened to capture and annihilate Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed, trusting Israel's strong God (19:19). The Lord delivered the city, but Hezekiah faced a greater enemy. Isaiah the prophet brought God's message to Hezekiah: "Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover" (20:1). Hezekiah turned away from those words of death, and fervently sought the Lord. God heard Hezekiah's desperate cries and healed him.

We can be sure that God hears our prayers because Jesus is God's name of salvation for us! He is our Savior from every fearful enemy, including illness or death.

Shortly before he died, my father trusted Christ as his Savior. One day, I asked if he had any fears about dying. "No," he replied, "because I know Jesus paid too great a price at Calvary to leave me behind."

Let us not waver in bringing even our whispered prayers to Jesus for He hears and will answer.

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