

5. God can be trusted.

a) *Then (37:33-37)*

"Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home and lived at Nineveh. And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him down with the sword. 37:37-38a

i) God kept his word – what he promised.

ii) It's not just good things that show God can be trusted (39:5-7)

b) *Now*

Learn to shed your pride and *humble yourselves* before God.

Learn to turn to *His word* to remind of God's trustworthiness.

Learn to show how much you do trust God by your *private and public prayer life*.



On Eagles Wings...

Isaiah 40:31

#8 Who can you trust?

Reading: Isaiah 36 (talk covers 36-39)

1. It is as simple and as hard as trusting in God.

2. Trust under pressure (36:1-5, 11-12)

3. Satan's strategies

a) *Doubts – Focus on the circumstances (36:5-10)*

Who are you trusting? (v4)

b) Challenges – Question his promises and power (36:13-15,18-20)

c) Alternatives – Seduce with counterfeits (36:16-17)

The 'grass is greener' strategy

4. The godly response: – Trust!

Ahaz (chap. 7) totally failed to trust God.
Hezekiah – a model for his people – and us.

a) Coming before God in humility (37:1)

"As soon as King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord." 37:1

b) Turning to his Word (37:2)

"When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, "Thus says the Lord: Do

not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the young men of the king of Assyria have reviled me." 37:5-6

c) Prayer (37:14-20)

"And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: "O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God.

Truly, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, 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 were destroyed.

So now, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the Lord." 37:15-20