

Strong Faith to Bow
2 Kings 19:20-37, Pew Bible p. 326
April 28, 2024

I. Why Every Man Hates to Bow (V. 20-28)

- A. Your atheistic heart is at war with God.
 - 1. His plans
 - 2. His character
 - 3. His people

- B. Your atheistic heart recognizes human accomplishment over God's predestination.

- C. Your atheistic heart is running out of time.

II. Why Every Knee Will Bow (V. 29-37)

- A. God responds to evil by protecting His people.
 - 1. His presence
 - 2. His discipline
 - 3. His victory

- B. God responds to evil by reaching the lost.

- C. God responds to evil by judging the world.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 19:20-37.
2. Have you ever been at war with God, as Sennacherib did according to verse 22-23? How do you know? What about God were you fighting at the time? How are you doing with that now?
3. Have you ever had an inflated view of your role in God's blessing, as King Sennacherib was in verses 23-24? Why do you think it so easy to forget God when we are on top of the world?
4. Have you ever had God put you in your place, as He did King Sennacherib in verse 27-28? What did God do to get your attention and what was the result?
5. What does God's protection of Judah in verses 29-34 tell you about God's protection in the face of powerful evil? What is an area of your life you need God's protection?
6. Have you ever seen God answer prayer in the most obvious and powerful way possible, as He did for King Hezekiah in verse 35? How should your life look in response to that answered prayer?
7. Pray for our church members to have a strong faith to acknowledge God as having authority over all things. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

Hebrews 3:12-14 (ESV)

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- Praying for visitors attending Discover Apollo, that God would give them strength and consistency as they prepare for baptism.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); and V. family (Ashley & Jesse); and Michelle LaM. (son)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gary & Betty B. (her sister); Dick & Peggy T. (nephew); and Stan & Lori F. (his mother)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Debbie P. (health); Debbie B. (health); Marge D. (health); Rita H. (health); Mimi M. (health); Kathy W. (health); Ray & Sue J. (health & other issues); Laura M. (health issues); Ken R. (ongoing health issues); Jacque B. (health); Jeff S. (upcoming surgery); April H.-F. (medication); Sherri O. (surgery recovery); Helene D. (theft of property); Michelle LaM. (medical procedures); Susan K. (surgery recovery); Ann C.-W. (back pain); Matthew M. (employment & housing); Kelly J. (surgery recovery); Joy M. (surgery recovery); John P. (surgery recovery); Randie A. (in hospital); and Bonnie V. (health concerns)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.