
I want to KNOW YOU: the Attributes of God

SOVEREIGN

LESSON 16 *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight has helped you to know Him better as the God of **Love**?
2. Pray and ask God to teach you more about His character as **Sovereign**. What words come to mind when you think of what it means to be **sovereign**?
3. For background on King Hezekiah, read **2 Kings 18:1-8**. Look for different phrases that describe King Hezekiah's relationship with God.

Note: **Isaiah 36 and 37** record the confrontation between King Hezekiah of Judah and Sennacherib, King of Assyria in 701 BC. Assyria was the dominant world power having conquered many nations, including the Northern Kingdom of Israel (which had been recently exiled to Assyria).

4. a) Read **Isaiah 36:1-2**, and describe the mounting threat to Jerusalem, the capital city of Judah.

b) From **Isaiah 36:3-12**, what were some of the tactics used by Sennacherib's field commander to challenge King Hezekiah and his dependence on the Lord?

c) Which tactics would have intimidated you the most and why?
5. a) What words or phrases are repeated in **V13-20**? What was the thrust of the field commander's message to the people of Judah about their King Hezekiah and the Lord?

b) When have you faced an "enemy" who challenged the authority of God in your life? How did it affect your confidence, and how did you combat it?

6. a) The Assyrian invasion was a devastating reality. How did the following people handle the threats of Sennacherib in **Isaiah 36:21 - 37:2**?
- The people
 - Hezekiah's leaders
 - King Hezekiah
- b) What stands out to you in Hezekiah's message to the prophet Isaiah in **37:3-4**?
- c) The Lord spoke to Hezekiah through Isaiah. What did God say would happen in **V5-7**?
7. In **V8-13**, God was again mocked by Sennacherib, sending Hezekiah to his knees.
- a) How did Hezekiah acknowledge God's **sovereignty** in his prayer in **V14-17**?
- b) What did he ask of the Lord, and how did he exalt God as **Sovereign** again in **V18-20**?
8. a) From **V21-29**, how did God reveal His **sovereign** plan and power in answer to Hezekiah's prayer?
- b) What future blessings awaited the remnant of the Kingdom of Judah (**V30-32**)?
9. a) How did things turn out for of the king of Assyria and his army in **V33-38**?
- b) It happened just as God said it would. What can you conclude is true about our **Sovereign** God? See Isaiah's response in **Isaiah 40:10**.
10. What life lesson can you learn from Hezekiah or from Sennacherib?

11. Re-read **Isaiah 37:35**. What reason did God give to Hezekiah for saving Jerusalem?
12. Approximately 300 years before King Hezekiah's great prayer, his predecessor, King David, had also prayed a great prayer. Hezekiah's was a plea while David's was a praise, yet both acknowledged the absolute **sovereignty** of God. From **2 Samuel 7:18-29**,
- a) What warms your heart in the way David began His prayer in **V18-19**?
- b) What was David's view of God throughout his prayer?
13. As you come to know your **Sovereign** God better...
- a) For what joy-filled situation are you praising Him (as David did)?
- b) How does your deeper understanding of the **Sovereignty** of God lift you (like Hezekiah) above overwhelming or difficult circumstances?
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1. What great truths about our **Sovereign** God are found in:
- **Psalm 71:5**
 - **Isaiah 50:4**
2. Note how false teachers and ungodly people respond to His **Sovereignty**:
- **2 Peter 2:1**
 - **Jude 4**
3. Do you find submission to our **Sovereign** God easy or difficult? Give us a window into your heart and mind.
4. a) Choose either **2 Samuel 7:18b or 22**, and write it out as your Suggested Memory Verse.
- b) Form a prayer to your **Sovereign** God as a plea or a praise.

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PRAYER REQUEST