

Isaiah
Chapter 36

v. 7-- Satan goes on---"and if you think God can be trusted--look, even those of the past who were one in spirit with Him aren't anymore. The peoples real trust is gone, the real altars are taken down and people aren't powerful anymore. You can't fight me anymore".

v. 8-- "so, you might as well give up trying to fight him, just relax, go along with the things of this world, and you'll be comfortable." Say his messengers.

v. 9-- "You know you aren't strong enough to fight me, and neither is anyone else in the world, so you have a choice of going with me and be my prisoner, or...

v. 10-- "I will destroy you--I will give you illness, and all kinds of destructive calamities if you get too much in the Word of God, because that doesn't help you anyway--In fact, God sent me with this illness and poverty and confusion to teach you a lesson."

v. 11-- God says to Satan--"your fight is with me--leave my people out of it--"

v. 12-- But Satan isn't in the habit of obeying God, and he does talk to God's people--as much as we'll listen.

v. 13-20-- So Satan's messengers go into a long argument about how we shouldn't listen to God, and that He'll never help us.

v. 21-22-- This is what God instructs His people also. We don't need to argue with Satan or his messengers--We know God's Word is true, and all we need do is tell him "It is written"--because he knows as well as we that God is true!!

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v. 1-21-- Notice, everytime Hezekiah had a decision to make, he went directly to God with it, not to his advisors or counselors, and God answered him through the mouth of Isaiah. He told him, as He constantly tells us, that we need not fear Satan (King of Assyria) by any means.

v. 22-29-- God tells us in these verses that He knows our sins, our failures, our iniquities, our pride and vanity, but, (v. 29) because of His magnificent love for us, He guides us back to Him so He can protect and empower us.

v. 30-38-- God assures us of His protection (esp. v. 33-35) and the fact that Satan cannot in any way harm us.