

## July 24 Answers

- 1) After Sennacherib defeated Lachish, he moved on to **Libnah**, a city around 15–20 miles from Jerusalem. While he was attacking it, he received word that **Tirhakah**, the Cushite king of Egypt, was marching in his direction. Worried that this news might embolden Hezekiah, Sennacherib sent a taunting **letter**, warning him not to trust in God (Isa 37:10–13). Sennacherib’s blasphemous letter was the last straw for Hezekiah. How dare this Assyrian king mock the living God! Hezekiah took the letter, spread it out before God and prayed (Isa 37:16–20). There are three lessons we can learn from his prayer: (1) Hezekiah’s **zeal** for God’s name teaches us that our primary concern should be the vindication and **glory** of God, not our personal success. (2) Hezekiah’s **supplication** teaches us to cast our cares on God and lay our heartaches at His feet. God is the answer to all our problems! (3) Hezekiah’s **humility** teaches us to humble ourselves before God and wait for Him to deliver us. God knows the right time to act for our good and His glory. God replied with a letter of His own to Sennacherib: “The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises and **mocks** you. The Daughter of Jerusalem **tosses** her head as you flee” (Isa 37:22 NIV). God told him that all his conquests had been ordained long ago. God would put a **hook** in his nose and drag him back to Nineveh. Sure enough, God’s angel killed the army that was surrounding Jerusalem—185,000 men! Sennacherib returned to Nineveh in shame and defeat.