

a Letter from Sennacherib

Romans 15:8

A letter from Sennacherib came in the mail one day,¹
But Hezekiah showed the Lord just what he had to say.
And though he threatened Israel's land with terrible defeat,
God proved that He was greater than Sennacherib's conceit.
He bragged that there was not a god who could deter his goal
Of conquering the whole wide world, and ruling pole to pole.
God sent an angel to destroy his high and mighty men,
And caused his sons to take his life when he got home again.

Samaria was starving from a siege outside the gate.²
God promised them abundant bread with just a day to wait;
And when they said it couldn't occur if heaven rained it down,
God chased the soldiers from their food, and fed it to the town.
The scoffer watched the others feast on what God *couldn't* provide,
But he was trampled by the crowd before he got supplied.
He died without the blessings God prepared for all the rest,
For those who doubt the grace of God can't count on being blessed.

When Aram's army came to take Elisha with the sword,³
Elisha's servant saw the host and cried, "Alas, my lord!"
But when the prophet heard his cry, he prayed that he might see
That heaven's host were more than those who marched so mightily.
The pithy prophet prayed the Lord to strike the army blind;
And led them to Samaria, where they were wined and dined;
Then sent them home to tell their king how God had done him in,
And conquered them without a fight, much to their own chagrin.

And when the Lord was crucified angelic troops stood by.⁴
Twelve legions waited His command, should He decline to die.
But He had come to do God's will and would not ask for aid
To interfere with any plan the Trinity had made.
His Father's will was His desire, however great the pain,
And if our God desires our best, His will is for our gain.
And since the Son was anxious to delight the Father's heart,
Should we resist His holy will and fail to do our part?

Your letter from Sennacherib will surely come along,
For Satan will invade your turf and try to treat you wrong;
But God is greater than the worst the Devil dares to do;
And He has promised everything will work for good for you.
God may deploy the hosts of light to brighten up your day,
Or He may choose to intervene some extra-special way;
But if it is His will for you to suffer or to die,
Would you presume to thwart His will, or dare to question why?

1) II Chronicles 32:1-21

2) II Kings 6:24-7:20

3) II Kings 6:11-23

4) Matthew 26:53