

THE STRENGTH OF GOD

Perhaps there has never been a day in the history of the world in which we have needed spiritual strength as we do in these days! God's Word makes plain to us, how we can acquire this strength; and as we look into His Word, there are marvelous Words of Life that teach us of this blessing that can be ours. We know, our natural strength gives way, and there is nothing we can do, upon so many occasions, but claim and take the Strength of God. "We can do all things through Christ which strengthens us." (Phil.4:13)

We read in **Hebrews 6:17-19** – "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast....." We know this hope is the Lord Jesus Christ! Oh to find Him in such a way that we would be endued with His strength, no matter what comes into our pathway of sorrow, disappointment, the limitations of the flesh, and all the circumstances of life. Yes, God's strength can reach into our soul, enabling us to go forward, nothing doubting – nothing fearing! That is the life of overcoming and victory God has for His children. Surely, we need that strength, today, to fortify us!

How are we going to get it? What can we do to possess this mighty strength – this great life and power of God, which is for His children? Oh, we can receive it, if we will claim the promise in His Word! If we will seek Him diligently, He will give it to us. It's our portion, beloved! It's for us! Oh, that we would find God in His fullness and receive the anointing of His Spirit. Then, His strength would be our everlasting portion.

Paul writes to the Ephesians,(3:16) and says, "That He would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man". Yes, that is within. It's nothing we have in the natural. It's nothing the carnal nature possesses. It is the strength of the Most High God! He says here, "...with might in the inner-man..."; and we must receive this strength. Truly, our natural strength melts away as a vapor, but we know His Strength endures forever! It is through the riches of His glory in the inner man that we receive His divine strength. It is imparted to us – given to us from above. So, let us claim the promises and stand upon the Word.

Without God's Supernatural Strength, we will fail in these days. When we come up against the things the world puts in the path of God's children today, we will fall short and fail without His Strength to sustain us. Then what will become of us? We will lose our ground, spiritually, and begin to deteriorate. Oh, that God would make us see today, that He will impart to us this strength, if we will seek Him diligently, really laying

hold of the horns of the altar, (I Kings 1:50 – I Kings 2:28 – Psa. 118:27) and beseeching God as we have never done before. Then, He will come to us and give us all that we need.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” Have you found that true in your life? He strengthens us – meeting our faith – because we know we can do all things, otherwise impossible, through Him. How many things have you come up against in your life when you have said, “I can’t go any further – this is all I can do?” Then, you turned to God, and the mighty Strength of the Ages filled your being, thrilled your soul, and the Holy Spirit took over and led you across Jabbok; (Gen.32:22) took you across Jordan (Josh.1:11,14) or through the Red Sea.(Ex.13: -15:) Wasn’t it marvelous? And it was all because you took His Strength. “That ye might walk worthy unto the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God’s Strength, with all might according to His glorious power unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness.” (Col. 1:10-11) When the path gets rough and rugged, are we joyful then? No! Why is it we are not in victory? We don’t have this inner Strength. We don’t have the might and the power that He alone can and will provide for those who seek Him. It is available to those who overcome; and how can we overcome unless we have this inner Strength! It is the might of God and the glory of His power that dwells within us.

Are we reaching out, today to receive this inner Strength that He is offering us? Oh, He is waiting to give it to us; and we can’t ever fail or fall short, if we are appropriating His Strength. “In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting Strength”. (Isa. 26:4) Our strength fades away and disappears, before we realize it, but God’s Strength is Eternal. It is never ending and continuous. It is for us! “The Lord is the Strength of my life!” (Psa. 27:1) Can we say this now? Or have we been forgetting to take His Strength? Have we been forgetting to reach out and touch the Lord, and received that mighty power that He alone can give us, to face the forces of evil that are in this world today? We so often faint and fall short, because we do not have the everlasting Strength of Jehovah upholding and establishing us.

The Lord is the Strength of my life. Can we say that to day or have we been depending upon our natural strength and abilities to see us through? Oh, Jesus would have us turn away from all things to HIM! We are so filled with limitations, weakness and shortcomings. We are so far from reaching “the mark” (Phil.3:14) and finding in Him all that we need. Let us reach out and receive Christ and His Life. “Be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart.” (Psa. 27:14) Do you have times when your courage fails and you do not know which way to turn? God is by your side to strengthen your heart. And there is no strength like His Strength. When our hearts are filled with the Strength of God, then nothing is too hard, or too much, and “we know in whom we have believed!” (II Tim. 1:12) “God is our refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble”. (Psa. 46:1)

Now sometimes you have felt - I have, “Oh, if a certain person were only here, he could help me; or, if only I could be in a certain place, I could get the help that I need.” Oh, dear ones, how mistaken we are! God is our Refuge! He is our Strength; and He is ever present. He is in our heart, every moment of the day! Jesus is with you, just now, to help you! And David says, “My help cometh from the Lord Who made Heaven and

earth.” (Psa. 121:2) He is filled with might – power—supernatural Strength and life, and He is waiting to impart it to us, in our immediate need, if we will reach out, believe it and receive it!

God wants to make our lives victorious, and this is impossible, unless we are filled with spiritual Strength. Then we are strong to fight the battle. Then we are able to overcome all things that the devil can put in our pathway. Indeed, we will have the strength of ten! Praise His mighty Name forever! Yes, our victory is assured, if you will stand upon His Word, and take the Strength of God, which is our portion.

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