



## Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

Edifying the Body of Christ (*Eph. 4.10-16*)

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## Be Strong in the Lord

A Bible was given me in the 1960's with the following scripture written in the front of the Bible.

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *[it is]* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Deu 31:6)

Oh, the weakness of the people of God in Christ Jesus saddens me as I reflect over my life and the depth of the fallen nation that once believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, and Him alone.

Let us look at the many scriptures and read them with our hearts, falling on our knees seeking forgiveness for our lack of trust in our Lord God as we walk so often through the *valley of the shadow of death*.

Take time to read the following and re-read until your heart opens to the Word of the Lord, the Truth in Christ Jesus, that you shall be strengthened for the journey, the call that is upon your life for His glory.

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *[it is]* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Deu 31:6)

And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. (Deu 31:7)

And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee. (Deu 31:23)

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. (Jos 1:6)

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *[is]* with thee whithersoever thou goest. (Jos 1:9)

Whosoever *[he be]* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage. (Jos 1:18)

And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. (Jos 10:25)

Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. (1Ch 22:13)

Paul gives to us what we need to walk on in the Lord, to walk with Him all the way, seeking to walk in obedience to Him and in His strength (Ep 6.10-13).

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,

against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *[places].*

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Beloved, be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. Read John 6.22-71. Scripture says many turned away from following Jesus as it was too hard (Jn 6.66). What will you do with the Master, with Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God – today?

But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *[are]* stronger than we.

And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *[is]* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *[are]* men of a great stature (Num 13.31, 32).

## Will you also turn away?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do /it]. (1Ch 28:10)

And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do /it]: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, [even] my God, /will be] with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. (1Ch 28:20)

But if thou wilt go, do /it], be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down. (2Ch 25:8)

Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that [is] with him: for /there be] more with us than with him: (2Ch 32:7) Say to them [that are] of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come [with] vengeance, [even] God [with] a recompence; he will come and save you. (Isa 35:4)

And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace /be] unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.

And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. (Dan 10:19)

And the king of the south shall be strong, and [one] of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion /shall be] a great dominion. (Dan 11:5)

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do /exploits]. (Dan 11:32)

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I /am] with you, saith the LORD of hosts: (Hag 2:4)

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which [were] in the day /that] the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. (Zec 8:9)

And it shall come to pass, [that] as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, /but] let your hands be strong. (Zec 8:13)

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. (1Co 16:13)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (Eph 6:10)

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2Ti 2:1)

Fear thou not; for I /am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I /am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. (Isa 41:10)

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. (Jer 1:17)

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. (Jer 10:2)

But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed. O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make /him] afraid. (Jer 46:27)

The Word of the Lord gives us the way we are to walk with the Lord, trusting Him come what may in our lives. He directed Moses and His people all through history. If only we could hear from all the great saints who have gone before us and how the Lord directed their lives, how they had the strength to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord in their lives – as did Moses.

Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Exo 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

All through the centuries, Satan has been working to weaken those who once trusted in the Lord. Once they could sing:

Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright (Ps 20.7, 8)..

Today, the people know only the songs of the world, the songs that strengthen them in the world's ways and thoughts, the songs that degrade the Lord Jesus Christ, that fail to speak forth the truth of God in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

Words such as "because he was condemned, I am saved" in no way speaks of the power of the living, risen Savior Who gave His life on the Cross of Calvary, Who was more than condemned. When the word condemned stands alone without the whole truth, yes many people may feel good as it puts the Lord Jesus on their level as a common criminal who has been condemned, or is one hiding a crime but knows they are condemned.

This is not about you feeling good about yourself. This is about the Truth of the Message that Jesus Christ was crucified, shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary for our sins, died, was buried, and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave.

This Message has a lot of Scripture printed for you this month – as many are not going to the Word of God seeking the Truth. We desire to make available the Holy Word that you might come to know the joy and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Holy Word, the Word that is for each and everyone – if each will take time to read the Holy Bible. Take time to sit with the Word and sit in the presence of the Master – waiting upon Him, giving your life to Him for His glory, repenting of your sins, and going forth endeavoring to live a life of holiness unto Him – for His glory.

We are called to take up our cross and follow Him. This is not about getting on and off a highway whenever the going gets hard. A life in Christ Jesus is about continuing on the Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross, come what may – trusting the Lord to bring you through it all. It is about being strong in the Lord and in His might.

We must be strong, strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. We read of those who are not of the Lord who were strong in the Bible days - as well as today. Oh, yes, Numbers 13.28 tells of a people that are strong.

Nevertheless the people /be] strong that dwell in the land, and the cities [are] walled, [and] very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

Read Numbers 13 and you will see those who are fearful of Satan's strong people, but take time to see those that were strong in the Lord and knew that strength in the Lord overcomes the enemy. Hear Caleb's word to the people in Numbers 13.30 and ask yourself, wherein lies your strength?

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.