



Be Strong in the Lord

Day 26 Be Strong in the Lord

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

It is always good to remember that our strength comes from the Lord. If we have physical strength, well, we didn't create ourselves. God made us and gave us that strength. If we have spiritual strength, that also comes from the Lord. We grow strong by being in close proximity to Him.

Deuteronomy 11:8

Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

We can be strong by keeping God's commandments. Sin separates us from God. Doing His will keeps us close to Him, and we stay strong in this way.

Joshua 1:18

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.

Here again, the path of sin is the path to death. The path that God commands leads to strength and life. Courage shows faith in God, but fear shows that we don't really trust God.

Psalms 31:2

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

When we put our trust in God, he becomes our Strong Rock, that firm foundation where we have our base encampment for all our battles. From there we can go out and resist the devil, and become mighty against strongholds.

John 15:4

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

When you are strong “in the Lord,” what does it mean to be “in the Lord”? Jesus uses the example of a vine. The branches must stay attached to the root in order to bear fruit. Likewise we must stay attached to Jesus in order to live in Christ. We must pray and seek his face and read his word.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The promises and protection and strength are given to those who remain in Christ Jesus. To wander away from Him is to open oneself up to attack. We must walk according to His will, directed by His Spirit, and not according to our own fleshly desires.

Day 26 Prayer

Lord, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Only when I am walking in your truth will I have strength for this battle. Help me know the truth and discern the lies that will take me far from you.

Father, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Daily repentance can keep me close to you. Help me to repent quickly when I sin. Help me to be righteous like you are righteous.

Lord, help me to get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Lord, our battle is for the souls of men. Help me to go out and give you the victory of those who would drag men into hell. Help me to plant a seed in all those I meet.

Father, help me to take up the shield of faith. You have been faithful and true to keep your promises and protect those who abide in You. Help me to trust in You and obey always. I pray that when You return, You find faith in the world.

Lord, please help me to put on helmet of salvation. Thank you for the blood Jesus shed on my behalf, and all the pain He endured for my salvation. May I always be grateful and remember the great price paid for my redemption.

Father, please help me to take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Your word is powerful and true. Strength to resist the enemy is found within Your word.