

Lesson 49 Answers and Comments

Said grace not
Me saved sufficient
Received justified sufficient
Word grace sufficient
God redemption ourselves
Heard forgiveness sufficiency
Us sins able
Not grace grace
Word access always
Men grace sufficiency
Word stand
God grace
Worketh accepted
Believe much
Word more
God enough
Quick sufficient
Powerful all
Sharper work
Word too
Grace much
Able sufficient
Build need
Up not
My sufficient
Grace sufficient
Sufficient sufficient
Thee finish

Recently a pilot was flying over Lake Michigan. He was last heard on his radio saying, "I've run out of fuel". He had left with insufficient fuel to make it across the lake. How many believers live life sputting, spurting and crashing as though they had an insufficient provision to make it through life.

If that pilot had another full tank of fuel do you think he would have hesitated to switch over to it? Of course not! He would have used any source of power available to him. Do we value our Christian life any less? Are we willing to let trouble, disappointment, illness or whatever, disable, paralyze, derail and defeat us from living a godly life? As soon as we switch over to the tank marked "God's grace" we have a sufficient supply for victory over any trouble that comes our way!

Lesson 50 God's Strength

II Cor. 12:9 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather

glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Do you notice how God says to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for _____...”

For thee!! Put your name there. We sometimes think that God’s grace can help others but “not me with my problems”. God is mindful of you! Not just as part of a group but individually, personally.

The other day a falcon zoomed past our window. Within a second I heard a loud squeal. The little sparrow he was after now was his lunch. As I pondered this scene I thought of Luke 12:6, 7 “Are not five _____ sold for two farthings, and not one of them is _____ before _____? Vs. 7 But even the very _____ of your _____ are all _____. Fear not therefore: ye are of _____ than many _____.”

Paul tells those heathen idol worshippers at Athens that God was gracious to them. Acts 17:25 “Neither is worshipped with men’s hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all _____ and _____ and all things.”

And in Acts 14:16, 17 he tells the heathen at Ephesus that “Who in time past _____ all nations to _____ in their _____ ways. Vs. 17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did _____, and _____ us _____ from heaven, and _____ seasons, filling our hearts with _____ and _____.”

All this God did for sinful man. And you think he’s not mindful of you, his very own child?? And we all say, “God forbid!” If God knows when a sparrow is down, how much more is His care for you and me? Let’s all say, “God’s grace is sufficient for me”.

Our verse is II Cor. 12:9 goes on to say “for my _____ is made _____ in _____...”

Let’s contemplate God’s strength.

Jer. 32:17 “Ah Lord GOD! Behold, thou hast made the _____ and the _____ by thy _____ and stretched out arm, and there is _____ too _____ for thee:”

Matt. 19:26 “But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is _____; but with God _____ things are _____.”

Is. 45:12 “I have made the _____, and _____ man upon it: I, even my _____, have _____ out the _____, and _____ their hosts have I _____.”

Ex. 13:14 “...By _____ of _____ the LORD brought us _____ from _____, from the house of bondage.”

Lesson 50 Continued

Eph. 1:19, 20 “...according to the working of his _____, vs. 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he _____ him from the _____, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.”

We could go on forever beholding the strength of the Lord! There is none like unto Him! God desired for his earthly chosen nation, Israel, to rely on, depend on, avail themselves of, to trust in His strength.

How does God's strength work in our lives?

Eph. 3:16 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be _____ with _____ by his Spirit in the _____ man;"

According to this verse, who does the strengthening? By His _____. Where does the Spirit make us strong? In the _____.

I Cor. 2:10-13 tells us that the Holy Spirit in vs. 13 teaches the believer by comparing _____ things. The Holy Spirit uses words according to this verse to teach our inner man the things of God. We've seen before the power of the word of God.

Heb. 4:12, Rom. 1:16 "...gospel, for it is the _____ of _____ unto _____."

I Cor. 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross...but unto us which are saved it is the _____ of _____."

The Holy Spirit takes the word of God and teaches our inner man so that the power of God can be unleashed in our lives. What does the power of God operating in our lives look like??

Col. 1:11 "_____ with all _____, according to his glorious _____, unto all _____ and _____ with _____;"

Three things take shape in our lives when God's power is strengthening us.

1. Patience
2. Longsuffering
3. Joyfulness

The Holy Spirit takes God's word and focuses our inner man on God's amazing grace which results in God's strength activated in our lives.

Many believers end up spiritually weak, carnal, confused, defeated, and hopeless. The spiritual infirmaries are filled! If we abandon God's provision of His word strengthening our inner man we will be a patient instead of patient!

Paul says to Timothy in II Tim. 2:1-3 "Thou therefore, my son, be _____ in the _____ that is in _____. Vs. 3 Thou therefore _____, as a good _____ of Jesus Christ."

God demonstrated to Israel over and over again that they would be victorious only by His Power.

Lesson 50 Continued

Read Judges 7:1-7. How many men did Gideon start out with? _____
You can answer this from verse 3. How many men did Gideon have left in vs. 7? _____

Only when Israel came to the end of themselves and looked to God's power could they experience the salvation of God.

II Chron. 14:11 "And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to _____, whether with _____, or with them that have _____ power; _____, O LORD our God; for we _____ on _____, and in thy name we go against this multitude.."

Our battles against the world, the flesh, and the devil can only be won in God's strength. God's strength for us today is His all sufficient grace unveiled for us by Paul. Let the Holy Spirit fill your inner man with God's word making you strong in the grace that is in our Lord Jesus Christ.