

Lesson 97 Answers and Comments

Correction: acceptable should be accepted in Eph. 1:6

Dothan	power	weakness	in	riches
Horses	might	made	beloved	grace
Chariots	without	strong	in	strengthened
Host	strength	valiant	whom	might
Compassed	grace	fight	redemption	inner
How	sufficient	flight	forgiveness	man
Shall	strength	armies	sins	be
We	perfect	through	riches	eyes
Do	weakness	faith	grace	understanding
Fear	power	strong	raised	enlightened
Not	rest	Lord	sit	know
With	infirmities	Christ	in	exceeding
More	reproaches	liveth	in	greatness
Them	necessities	life	Christ	power
Conquerors	persecutions	now	nigh	us-ward
God	distresses	faith	through	believe
For	weak	revelation	him	
Against	strong	mystery	access	
Full	received	strong	in	
Horses	walk	grace	whom	
Chariots	rooted	Christ	habitation	
Fire	built	Jesus	grace	
Round	in	grace	unsearchable	
Elisha	him	spiritual	riches	
May	stablished	blessings	Christ	
See	faith	in	rooted	
Strong	escaped	Christ	built	
Lord	sword	grace	him	

All our troubles in life are opportunities for God's grace to manifest itself. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. When we are weak then are we strong, Paul says. We usually don't think of being weak and being strong at the same time. The troubles of life should make us realize that we are weak and in need of God's strength. God's strength goes perfectly with our weakness. In fact, it is only as we acknowledge our weakness that we access His strength. We sing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," but do we? God's everlasting arms that He wants us to lean on are the riches of His grace to us in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson 98 The Believer's Armor Part 2

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

We saw last week that God's provision for victory and strength in our Christian life is found in knowing His grace to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We touched just briefly on the area of our life that God wants to strengthen. Eph. 3:16 "... _____ with _____ by his Spirit in the _____."

God's strength is not able to be defeated. Did we hear that?? Phil. 4:13 "I _____ do _____ things through _____ which _____." The context of this verse is the contentment Paul had learned to enjoy regardless of his circumstances. Paul could be content, no matter what, because Christ's strength made it possible.

When God talks about His power He doesn't hold back!! Eph. 3:20 "Now unto him that is _____ to do _____ all that we ask or _____, according to the _____ that worketh _____."

Eph. 1:19 "And what is the _____ of his _____ to _____ who believe, according to the _____ of his _____."

II Cor. 4:7 "...that the _____ of the _____ may be of _____, and not of us."

And what does God point us to when He wants us to see His mighty power?

Eph. 1:20 "Which he _____ in Christ, when he _____ him from the _____, and _____ him at his own right hand in the _____ places, vs. 21 Far _____ all _____ and _____, and _____ and _____, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." The resurrection and exaltation of Christ is what God wants us to see when it comes to the might of His power. His power conquered sin, death, hell, the devil, and the grave. Christ's exaltation in heaven testifies to the reign, authority, majesty, glory and honor that the Lord has. This is excellent, exceeding, abundant glorious power! And when your finished saying Amen and Amen, praise the Lord! Remember Eph. 2:6 "And hath _____, _____, and _____ us _____ together in _____ places in _____."

God's might and power as seen in the resurrection and exaltation of Christ has already been exercised in you and me in giving us that same victory and exaltation in His Son!

Now that we've got our eyes opened to the might and power of the strength of our Lord we too like Elisha's servant can be assured of victory as we encounter God's mighty foe, the devil.

If we look at Joshua, we see a man of great valor and bravery. Read Ex. 17:9-13. vs. 9 "And Moses said unto _____, choose us out men, and go out, _____ with _____... vs. 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said and _____ with Amalek vs. 13 And _____ Amalek and his _____ with the _____ of the _____."

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And Joshua spied out Canaan and went against the evil report of the other spies. Num. 13:31 “But the men that went up with him said, We be _____ able to go up against the people; for they are _____ than we. Only Joshua and Caleb stood against this evil report.

Num. 14:6, 7 “And _____ the son of Nun, and _____ the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, _____ their _____ vs. 7 ...The land which we passed through to search it, is an _____.” This was a dangerous position to take as you would see in the passage that the congregation wanted to stone them! Joshua was not a weak, fearful individual, yet God encouraged him to be _____ and of a good _____, be not _____, neither be thou _____: for the LORD thy God is _____ thee _____ thou goest in Joshua 1:9.

If Joshua needed to be reminded of his source of strength and encouraged to be strong in the face of his battles, we too need to take our battles seriously and be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Eph. 6:11 “Put on the whole _____ of God, that ye may be _____ to _____ against the _____ of the _____.”

God is now going to detail for us, living in the age of grace, His equipment that will enable us to stand against His foe, the devil. This armor will make you and I strong in the Lord!

The believer is to “put on” this armor. Armor is battle attire. Did you ever hear the term, “Dress for success?” God’s armor attire will most definitely equip you and I for success on the battlefield with the devil.

“Put on” signifies a conscious choice on our part. We are not to be selective or haphazard in our dress but are told to put on the _____ armor of God. Whose armor are we to put on? _____ God’s armor, battle attire, may not look like what we think we need. We are not instructed to design our armor, but to simply put it on. Do you remember when David fought Goliath and the armor that Saul had him wear?

I Sam. 17:38 “And Saul _____ David with _____, and he put an _____ of _____ upon his head; also he armed him with a _____ of _____.” David tried to go with this armor but soon said to Saul, vs. 39 “...I _____ go with these; for I have not _____ them.” And David _____ them _____ him. David refused Saul’s armor preferring God’s provision.

If we are to have victory over the battle with the devil we will need to “put on” God’s whole armor.

In Eph. 6:11, God’s armor will enable the believer to _____ against the _____ of the devil.

Stand – to be steadfast, firm, unmovable. Paul uses the word stand 3 times in this passage of Eph. To stand is what God wants for you and me, against the wiles of the devil.

Wiles is used only one other time in the Bible. Num. 25:18 what other word is used in this verse with wiles?

We see that the wiles of the Midianites beguiled or deceived by tricks, the Israelites.

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The devil uses his wiles or tricks in his efforts to defeat (cause to not stand) the believer.

The first person I think of that was beguiled, caused not to stand, by the wiles of the devil is Eve. Gen. 3:13
“...and the woman said, The _____ me, and I did eat.”

II Cor. 11:3 “But I fear, lest by _____ means, as the _____ Eve through his
_____, so your _____ should be _____ from the _____ that is
in _____.”

What would be another word for wiles in this verse? _____

Yes, subtilty, the fine artful craftiness of the devil. Had God provided Eve with something to stand against this wile of the devil? Of course! Gen. 3:2, 3 vs. 3 “..._____ hath said...” God had given Eve His Word to protect her and cause her to stand against the devil’s wiles. Eve fell that day because she did not “put on” God’s armor. She seemed to get off to a good start in vs. 3 but then she added to God’s word, then listened to the devil corrupt God’s word, then she was ready to let her lusts take control.

The devil is still up to his tricks. God’s armor will empower us to stand against them!