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"WELLS OF SALVATION"

Jack Davis

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" – Isaiah 12:3.

Salvation is a most inclusive word, defying definition to the finite mind. The wells of salvation are so rich, sweet and deep containing a most refreshing supply that flows from the throne of God. They are found in Jesus Christ. "...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" – Matthew 1:21.

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him does this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" – Acts 4:10-12.

Thank our God for the **waters** of spiritual blessings. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" – Ephesians 1:3. Jesus said unto the woman at the well, "If thou newest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" – John 4:10.

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified” – John 7:37-39.

The supply of all that mankind has need of has come unto us through salvation's wells - Philippians 4:19. We are invited to **draw**, even for deliverance from spiritual dryness. Heavenly moisture makes the greatest difference in the planting of the Lord. Faith is the most powerful rope by which we may draw.

“WITH JOY”

What deeper bucket could we use to draw with than Joy? With divine joy having flooded our innermost being, we draw in happy expectancy. We thus thirst for more and more of His refreshing billows, never self satisfied. Hallelujah! Having drank therefore, and drinking deeply and freely, our “little,” yet “enlarged,” hearts must well up and overflow with exuberant praise.

Ho, every one that thirsteth,
come ye to the waters Isaiah 55:1

JUDGING THE FLESH

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**"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."
John 3:6**

Each of us were born of the flesh, but to enter into the things of God we must be born with a new birth by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:1-3 says, "And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sin, Wherein in the time past we walked according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath even as others."

Galatians 5:16-17, 19-23 shows Apostle Paul's teaching about the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit or new life in us. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (or New Creation) old things are passed away, behold, all things become new." By this and many other Scriptures we understand that we have two natures. There is a battle that goes on within us. We desire to walk with God in full victory, but the fleshly nature is still present, which rises up in us and tries to take the supremacy.

In Romans 7:15-24, Paul describes the dilemma between the flesh and the Spirit in the believer's life. He exclaims, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Then he exclaims, "I thank God

through Jesus Christ our Lord..." The Lord is the only one Who can deliver us from the fleshly desires which will keep us in bondage and defeat.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." I Corinthians 11:31-32. What does it mean to "judge the flesh?" The word "judge" means in the original Greek "to discriminate or discern." We judge our flesh when we discern whether our attitudes or actions are motivated by the old nature (flesh) or by our new nature (Christ's life within us), which we have received through the New Birth.

A good explanation of judging the flesh is this: When ever the search light of God's Word reveals that we have an action or attitude that is not Godly, we must agree with Him that it is carnal and deserves judgment. Then we must ask God to remove the thing from our life, instead of excusing it and saying, "Oh, that's just my flesh," (or any of the other excuses we may use). We must agree with God that it is carnal and deserves judgment Then we must ask God to remove the thing from our life, not making excuse for the fault or saying, "Everyone does that." We must agree with the judgment of the Word to gain victory. This is putting into practice what the scripture teaches in Romans 6:11, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ the Lord." This is not an easy thing, but the Lord will give the strength to do it for this is the way of victory over sin.

So many times the flesh is not recognized in so called "good" things. Anything done our of the will of God is

sin. It is more easily discerned in manifestations of gross sin which everyone can see. If we judge the flesh in whatever form it rears its ugly head, we will not be judged of the Lord. If we do not judge it, then the scripture states that the Lord loves His own and chastens and corrects His people. "Now, thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ..." II Corinthians 2:14. Let us agree with God and recognize the flesh and judge correctly with the Lord and His Word.

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MY HEART IS TOO SMALL

***The space in my heart is much too small,
For the transients that pass my way;
There's Doubt, Fear, Hate and Grudge,
I cannot bid them stay.***

***If I should invite them to stop for awhile,
The tenants I have would move out;
For Faith and Love refuse to live,
With the troublesome friends of Doubt.***

***For Faith looks up, and doubt looks down,
And love refuses to see;
The gruesome pictures Hate displays,
So a truce there could never be.***

***As I travel life's uncertain maze.
Love's gleam lights my way;
Faith bridges the streams so I can cross,
These comrades I've bidden stay.***

***Through all the changing scenes of time.
Faith and Love will still abide;
For troublesome transients I've hung out a sign,
"THERE IS NO ROOM INSIDE."***

Mrs. J. D. Seal

Believe It Or Not

"I'll only believe it if I see it with my own eyes." This is what you might say about something someone tells you. "Believe nothing you hear, and only one half that you see." Quoted from Edgar Allan Poe. Probably good advice today.

However, God has called on us to believe on Him based on His Word. Even though we cannot see God, with our natural eyes, we take Him at His Word. Why would I want to do that? In Hebrews 11:1-3 we find out what faith is, and in verse 6 we are told that without faith, it is impossible to please God. Those that come to God must do so in faith, believing. So, faith is the very basis of all of our relationship with God.

None of us has seen God at any time, and so we must believe, by faith in His Word, that He is God. God's Word is His revelation of Himself to mankind. He also reveals Himself in His creation. We are not without evidence of God all around us. Man refuses to believe in God while choosing to believe in things that are significantly more difficult to believe. God has proven Himself to be who He says He is, and to be the same yesterday today and forever.

We must believe by faith, that He sent His only Son, to die in our place, and to forgive us our sins. **For**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish , but have everlasting life."

John 3:16. God's offer of free salvation is hard for many to believe. It might seem too good to be true, but it is the only way. **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** Acts 4:12

We must lay hold by faith of the free salvation which God offers us. But that is not all. We must also continue by faith to walk with God daily in close fellowship. **"For we walk by faith, not by sight:" 2 Cor. 5:7, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back , my soul shall have no pleasure in him."** Heb. 10:38. We will not enjoy the fulness of what God has to offer, until we lay hold of it by faith.

You see, in the Bible God tells us about the things that He has done, and the things that He will do. We see what God is ABLE to DO, and that He always does what He says He will do. When we read about God's faithfulness in the past, the Holy Spirit increases our faith in God for the future. **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** Romans 10:17. Our faith is increased from believing that God exists and that He offers free salvation, to a deeper faith for every step of our life.

So, when God makes promises to us about our future, we can take Him at His Word, and simply believe. God has made many great and precious promises to those that believe on Jesus Christ as their Saviour. **"... Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: ..." 2 Peter 1:4.** These promises present us with a great hope. **"For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;" Colossians 1:5.** God's performance of His future and present promises to us are just as sure as His performance of the past promises. His past faithfulness guarantees His future performance. He has never failed and He will never fail.

We expect our Lord to return soon so that we may be with Him for eternity, and we can believe that by faith. This is the greatest of His promises. Some say that we have heard that forever, and still we wait. **"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.**

God deals with us according to His Word. We cannot expect to know about God's dealings without reading and studying His Word. His Word is necessary for us each day. **"That he might sanctify and cleanse it**

with the washing of water by the word,"
Ephesians 5:26. As we begin to understand God's way of dealing with us, our faith will increase, because we will see that He is doing just what He said.

So, spending time in the Word of God is important for increasing our faith. When we spend too much time in the things of the world, it can tend to diminish our faith. That is one reason that we gather together in a place called a church. So that we can learn more from God's Word. **"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."** Hebrews 10:25. However, church should not be the only place we study God's Word. We should also study every day. We can read and study anytime.

Also, we need to have fellowship with others of like faith. It is very important to be in church at every opportunity that we get. We encourage each other and our testimony of God's faithfulness in our lives will help others to exercise their faith and trust in God.

Do you believe God? Do you believe every Word He has spoken? Do you believe His promises for you? Are you willing to trust Him for every aspect of your life?

Gordon Crook

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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Chapter 23:23-35; chapters 24-26

Paul Speaks to Authorities

Introduction: Remember the 40 men who were not going to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul? They certainly were wrong. The Lord was standing by Paul. He wouldn't allow these wicked men to carry out their threats. The chief captain, Claudius Lysias, had protected Paul. He now knew he had to get him out of Jerusalem. He made ready to send him to Felix, the governor at Caesarea.

The letter Claudius Lysias, the chief captain sent to Felix – Acts 23:23-30. Claudius Lysias made sure that Paul was guarded well on his way to Caesarea. He sent two centurions who were in charge of 100 men each, 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen. They went in the middle of the night. They took Paul on a beast (horse, we suppose). Claudius Lysias told Felix in the letter that he had rescued Paul from the Jews, since he understood he was a Roman. He caught on that the problem the Jews had with Paul was over a question of their law, but there was no reason why Paul deserved to die. He told Felix that some of those trouble makers (accusers) would be going to Caesarea where Felix was. The soldiers took him part way that night, leaving the horsemen to take him the rest of the way. Felix read the letter and kept Paul a prisoner until he could hear what the accusers had to say.

Paul before Felix – Acts 24:1-27. After five days Ananias the high priest came down to Caesarea with the

elders. They brought along an orator, a lawyer, named Tertullus. He would do the speaking. The first thing Terrullus did was to flatter (soft soap) Felix. Then he went on to bring the charges against Paul. He claimed Paul was a pestilent fellow and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world. This meant that Paul had made a pest of himself and was guilty of treason (causing trouble for the Roman government). Then he said Paul had defiled the temple. All the Jews who came with them agreed. Then it was Paul's turn to speak, for Felix gave him that right. Paul didn't flatter Felix. He just said he knew he had been a judge there for a long time. He told Felix he had done none of those things of which they accused him, and they could not prove he did. Paul did give a good testimony about his faith. He had hope of the resurrection, which, he said his accusers (supposedly) believed also. Then he said he had a good conscience toward God and men. He also said he came to Jerusalem to bring alms (help) to the nations. He said he had not acted in the wrong way in the temple. He called on the ones there to say if he had said or done wrong when he stood before the council. The only thing to which they could object was what Paul said about the resurrection. Felix said that was enough for that time. He said he would hear more when the chief captain would come down. The Felix gave Paul a lot of liberty and had a soldier keep track of Paul. He said Paul could have company.

Paul had the second opportunity to talk with Felix. This time his young Jewish wife Drusilla was there. Paul talked of his faith in Christ. He talked about some very important things such as righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. Felix had a hard time with that because he knew about those things and had not done

right at all. It says that Felix TREMBLED. He was under conviction. He put off doing anything about it right then claiming he would hear more later. Actually he was hoping someone would give him money to let Paul go. He did send for Paul after that, but we don't hear that he ever gave his life to the Lord. There in Caesarea, Paul was a prison for two years.

Paul before Festus the new Governor – Acts 25:1-12. Festus was only in that area for three days before he went to Jerusalem. The high priest and chief of the Jews told him all they could against Paul. They wanted Festus to bring Paul to Jerusalem. They still thought they would have this chance to kill him. Festus did not agree. He said they would need to come to Caesarea. They did. Again they brought all those charges against Paul. Paul said he was not guilty. When Festus asked Paul if he would go to Jerusalem. Paul said that he was a Roman and he appealed to Caesar. Remember Caesar was in Rome. NOT Jerusalem. Then Festus said that is where Paul should go – to Rome.

Paul Gave King Agrippa the Message of Jesus – Acts 25:12-27; 26:1-32. Festus did not know much about the Jews' way of thinking and was glad to have Herod Agrippa come down to visit. He brought Bernice, his sister, along. Festus needed to have proper papers to send with Paul when he would be taken to Rome. Agrippa wanted to hear Paul. There was quite a gathering the next day. It says they came with great pomp. Here were Paul's accusers, Festus, King Agrippa, and Bernice. What an opportunity Paul had to give his testimony to this group. He told of the day he was saved. He told of his commission to preach. He said he was obedient to the heavenly vision. He said the Jews didn't

like it, that he preached about Jesus. He also said they caught him in the temple and tried to kill him. He gave the message of Jesus in a clear way – 26:23. Fesus became very upset and accused Paul of being mad (crazy). Paul told him he wasn't mad, but had spoken the truth. Then he spoke to Agrippa and told him plainly that he knew all about this and he even must have believed. The problem is he would not commit himself. He would not be saved He wasn't ready to give up his sinful life and become a born-again believer.

V. 28 really means, like it says in the margin of the verse, "With but little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Christian." He was being sarcastic, like saying – "It will take more than this to make me a Christian." So he rejected the message too. The dignitaries talked among themselves. They realized Paul was not guilty and they could have let Paul go free if he had not appealed to Caesar.

Conclusion: Look at these three men – Felix the governor at Caesarea knew he should be saved but just put it off. Festus laughed it all off, accusing Paul of being crazy or insane. Agrippa really knew Paul was right, but rejected the message in favor of doing his own thing and living a wicked life. There are all kinds of people who hear the message of salvation. As far as we know, none of these men were ever saved. Folks reject the message for various reasons. They will regret it. The only way to be saved is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that He died for you, and accept Him into your life. John 1:12.



Valleys

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The Valley of Elah (I Sam. 17:2-47). Elah means “oak” or “strong tree,” therefore this is the Valley of the Oak or Valley of the Strong Tree. “And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the **Valley of Elah**, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.” (I Sam. 17:2) It is in this valley that Saul and the men of Israel gathered to fight the Philistines. The Philistines stood on one side and Israel stood on the other side and the valley was between them, and it was also into this valley that a giant named Goliath came. Goliath was over 9 feet tall, he was a giant and to Saul and those with him he looked like an “oak” or “strong tree.”

When they saw Goliath, **all they saw was his strength**, the strength of the world and the strength of the enemy, and they were afraid. Here is another battle that God’s people must face, the enemy has come against them, yet when they see the enemy they are afraid, because that is all that they see. There are times when we must fight a battle and when we must face the enemy and times when the enemy looks like a giant, and there are giants in some of the valleys we go through.

One of the things that this giant did was to challenge the people of God, to boast in his own strength: “Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? ... Choose you a man for you and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me and to kill me, then will we be your

servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants and serve us.” (v. 8-9) This man challenged the armies of Israel and the men in those armies for 40 days and they were “greatly afraid.” 40 days of testing for their faith, 40 days to see if they would look beyond a man who looked like a “oak” and see One who was stronger, 40 days to testing and they failed.

It is into this valley that David comes; this is the valley where he faced and fought Goliath. What is the difference in what David saw and what the men of Israel saw? They saw only the giant, David saw only the Lord. They saw only man’s strength but David saw that God was his “oak” or “strong tree.” He leaned upon the Lord. They all fled in the valley (v. 24) but David, he stood in the valley and he knew he wasn’t alone. David didn’t react to the challenge of – ‘you pit your strength against my strength and whoever wins is the victor,’ that isn’t **why** he fought Goliath. David didn’t fight Goliath for the reward that was offered (v. 25). David reacted to the words of this man, the mockery of this man, the contempt of this man for the God of Israel. We need to remember that when the enemy comes against us, it isn’t us personal, it is the Lord that they fight and the Lord that they defy and David saw this truth.

When David says that he will go and fight this man, those that look at him see only that he is “a youth.” David was about 20 when he fled from Saul and this was years earlier, so he could have been 17 or 18 years old. Saul and his men looked at David and they saw no strength, they didn’t see an “oak” or a ‘Strong tree,’ but David had already fought giants when he fought the bear and the lion as he defended the sheep, David knew that it wasn’t

physical strength that would win the battle, it was spiritual strength, and it was dependence upon the Lord. David said, "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He **will deliver me** out of the hand of this Philistine." (v. 37)

What faith this youth had! David also knew that he could only go out into this valley using the weapons that he had proven, so when Saul armed David with his armor and his sword David said, "I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them (v. 39). What had David proved or put to the test? It was the Lord! Here lies another lesson for those of us that go through this valleys to face a giant, our victory comes from the weapons that the Lord puts in our hands, not the weapons that man puts in our hands. We can't fight spiritual battles with fleshly weapons or worldly weapons, only with spiritual weapons. And to the world, those weapons don't look like much. David brought with him only five stones, but he only had to use one and it was enough. Five is the number of grace, and there was more than enough to meet his need!

David went forth, in faith and in righteous indignation and the battle with Goliath began with words. Goliath had been using psychological warfare when he taunted the armies of Israel and they were demoralized and defeated before they even began. David goes out as the aggressor and his very presence is an insult to this giant. He saw David and "he despised him" and Goliath said, "**Am I a dog** that thou comest to me with staves?" The answer to that question as far as David was concerned was **yes!** David begins with telling Goliath in whose name he comes and why he has come: "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies

of Israel, whom thou hast defied" (v. 45). David then challenges Goliath and tells him that the Lord will deliver him into his hand and that he will kill him, cut off his head (v. 46). David before he does any thing, before he uses the weapon the Lord puts in his hand, before he runs forward to meet Goliath, David makes this declaration: "And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's , and he will give thou into our hands" (v. 47). David says that when the battle is over, there will be no doubt, that both Israel and the Philistines will know that the victory is the Lord's, for the battle is the Lord's. David becomes a weapon in the hand of God. There was only one "oak" or "strong tree" in this valley, and it was invisible to all except the eyes of David, it was the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel. There is no strength greater than the strength of the Lord when He enables His servants and there is no giant that can stand against the Lord!



Prayer For Strength

***This is my prayer to Thee, my Lord -
Strike, at the root of unbelief in my heart.
Give me strength to bear my joys and sorrows.
Give the strength to make me fruitful in service.
Give strength never to disown the poor
Or bend my knees before insolent might.
Give strength to raise my mind above daily trifles.
And give me the strength to surrender
my strength to Thy will with love.***

– *Selected*

EXAMPLES FROM THE PAST

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JACOB – A DIVIDED HEART

“Unite my heart to fear thy name” Ps. 86:11.

Jacob’s life was turbulent and most of his troubles were self-made. He had a heart for God, but also a strong will to “get ahead in life.” His heart was divided. His two names, Jacob and Israel, indicate this duality. He was named Jacob – supplanter – at birth because he and his twin Esau “struggled” in the womb before and at birth. (Gen. 25:24-26) For many years he struggled to supplant his brother as the first-born. The tragedy was he didn’t have to vie for this place as God had promised it to him. (Gen. 25:23) He acquired the name Israel – Prince of God – when the Angel of the Lord finally subdued both his body and spirit. (Gen. 32:24-32).

One of his “sharp business deals” was when he took advantage of his brother’s fatigue to bargain a meal for his birthright. To be fair, Esau little valued the birthright, in fact he “despised” it (Gen. 25:34) though later he regretted the deal. (Heb. 12:16-17) The birthright was not only for the family property, but included the patriarchal blessing. These blessings were highly valued and in the cases of Esau and Jacob they

were prophetic. By subterfuge and lies Jacob and his mother cheated Esau of the blessing. (Gen. 27) This was unnecessary as it was God who would grant it. This caused such bitterness that Jacob had to go into exile. He never saw his mother again!

Under the guise of seeking a wife (he acquired two), Jacob fled to Syria to escape Esau's murderous intent. (Gen. 27:41) It was a long journey from the Negeb of Canaan to Padan-Aram in what is today southwestern Turkey, on the Euphrates river. Jacob walked the whole distance camping in the open. We do not read of God appearing to Esau or that he even had a bent toward God. He did appear to Jacob in a dream at the place later called Bethel, He saw a staircase to heaven with the Lord at the top who assured him of protection and blessing.

In his uncle Laban Jacob found his scheming equal. First Laban switched brides, claiming custom. (Gen. 29:26) Then he changed Jacob's wages "ten times." (Gen. 31:41) By hard work and selective breeding Jacob increased his cattle. Every time Laban sought to take advantage of Jacob God blessed Jacob and he acknowledged that. (Gen. 31:42)

After twenty years the Lord again appeared to Jacob and told him to return home. (Gen. 31:13) This time he did not travel alone. He had two wives, two concubines, eleven children and much cattle. The nearer they came to Canaan the more his conscience

bothered him and the more he dreaded meeting his brother Esau even fearing him. It was then that one of the strangest events of scripture occurred. (Gen. 32:24-32) He was attacked in the middle of the night and until daybreak. Finally Jacob realized that he was wrestling with the Angel of the Lord and he received from Him a new name, Israel, and God's blessing. Why such a strange encounter? God was dramatically showing him that all his life he had not only been struggling within himself, but also with God. Now Jacob was a changed man., Now he was ready to meet Esau. When he returned to Bethel and worshiped he called the place El-Bethel, the God of God's house. He had come to know God.

For the rest of his life he was Israel. But the results of his earlier life followed him. He was troubled by his wayward sons and grieved over the loss of Joseph. But finally, his heart was no longer divided. He could live in peace. God would now be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Joseph's eleven brothers were reconciled to Joseph and they became the twelve patriarchs of the twelve tribes of Israel.



Trusting

***You ask how you learn to trust Him?
Dear child, you must just let go!
Let go of your fevered planning,
Trusting is only knowing***

Portraits of Christ

E. J. Davis

There are several portraits of Christ in The book of Revelation. Three of them are found in one verse – Rev. 1:5. “And from Jesus Christ, who is **the faithful witness**, and **the first begotten of the dead**, and **the prince of the kings of the earth.**” This whole book of Revelation is a revelation of Christ, He is revealed, uncovered, for us to see. It is God’s will that we be well informed of the full manifestation of Christ, past, present and future. We learn how the Son of man has been rewarded by the Father, what works and offices are assigned unto the meek Lamb of God, especially as head of His body the church and as our great High Priest, interceding on our behalf to the Father. And in the Father’s time He will descend from heaven to be revealed to all the earth.

He is the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth. It was prophesied, Isa. 55:4 – “Behold, I have given him for a **witness** to the people, a leader and commander to the people.” Ps. 89:27 - “Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.” Jesus said, “to this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear **witness** unto the truth” (Jn. 18:37). He faithfully witnessed of His Father while on earth, (in His office as **prophet**). He gave His life an offering for sin, satisfying the government of God and was restored to life, becoming the first fruits of resurrection, the first born from the dead (to begin His office as **Priest**). Therefore God hath highly exalted Him, far above all

principalities and powers, that at His name every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ, is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (His office as **King**).

He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood (V. 5), And hath made us **kings** and **priests** unto God and His Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (V. 6).

We now rejoice in princely blood, children of the living God. We can reign over the world and our fleshly nature and meet the devils onslaughts with the Word of God in the name of Jesus. We **reign** by letting Christ's life rule in us. As **priests** we have communion with God, our Father and pray for others and also give the Word of God to as many as we have contact. I want God to be glorified by my life. May He have complete dominion and may I say – amen!

V. 7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds (or crowds of saints); and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him (Israel): and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." We will be with Him when He comes to judge the earth (Rev. 19:14). We will agree with Him and say as John, "Even so, Amen!"



"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth" (Rev. 21:1). "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him" (22:3).

STRENGTHENING VERSES

For when we feel we have just a "little" strength,
Spirit, Soul and Body.

Revelation 3:8 - "...thou hast a little strength (small, but just enough) and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." The Amplified Bible reads, "...I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My Word and guarded My Message and have not renounced or denied My name." This means we rely more and more on our Beloved.

Psalms 27:1 - "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalms 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalms 84:5 & 7 - "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them...They go from strength to strength, every one of them..."

Isaiah 40:29-31 - "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 41:10 & 13 - "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....For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Habakkuk 3:19 – "The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places..."

Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

These verses were sent in by Martha Wainright,
they have been very meaningful to her
and wanted to share them with friends in Christ.

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God Leads

**He does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.
Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute
But He will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."
And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.
What need to worry then, or fret -
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them, one by one.**

— — Selected

It Takes the Bitter and the Sweet to Make a Life Full and Complete

Life is a mixture
 of sunshine and rain,
Laughter and teardrops,
 pleasure and pain –
Low tides and high tides,
 mountains and plains,
Triumphs, defeats
 and losses and gains –
But ALWAYS in ALL WAYS
 God's guiding and leading
And He alone knows
 the things we're most needing –
And when He sends sorrow
 or some dreaded affliction,
Be assured that it comes
 with God's kind benediction –
And if we accept it
 as a GIFT OF HIS LOVE,
We'll be showered with blessings
 from OUR FATHER ABOVE.

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