

115 - In the Power of His Might - Ephesians 6:10 - 2016-11-06

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:2-28

Sermon: "In the Power of His Might" Ephesians 6:10

Benediction: Psalm 118:29

INTRODUCTION

One foot planted here: All glory to God's grace for the salvation He has given us by Jesus Christ and by His Holy Spirit!

The other foot planted here: Walk worthy of the high calling you have received in Christ Jesus. But it will take strength to keep standing here.

Of yourself, however, you lack the necessary strength. To gain that strength, you must be strengthened in the Lord.

We considered last week basically the first half of this doctrine of being strengthened, that it is a strengthening we must undertake, but that essentially must be done to us by the Lord Jesus.

- strengthened in the nearness of Christ, in His presence
- strengthened in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
- strengthened in faith in Christ, and through faith in Him

Today we consider the second half of this doctrine of being strengthened: that we are strengthened in the Lord in the power of His might.

TEXT

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong **strengthened [G1743 endunamoo]** in the Lord and in the **power [G2904 kratos]** of His **might [G2479 ischus]**.

BODY

- I. The Lord's Command for How We Are to Stand Comes with a Glorious Statement of Truth About God Built Into It
 - A. Here Paul tells us to "be strong" or "be strengthened" in the Lord so we can stand
 - B. Then he tells us something glorious about the Lord's mighty power to strengthen us
 - C. To do so, he uses three Greek words here that all mean power or strength or might
 - D. Notice that in English we have at least those three words for that concept
 1. strength

2. power
 3. might
- E. If you want to express that concept, you choose from among those words; so you might talk about
1. a strong wind
 2. a powerful wind
 3. a mighty wind
- F. The strength or power or might Paul is talking about here is no ordinary, natural power present in created things, but the power of God Himself.
1. God is omnipotent, infinitely strong, all powerful; His incomparable might defies adequate expression in human language.
 2. But we need it to be described in human language!
 3. So the Holy Spirit was inspiring the apostle to put into human language a description of God's infinite power.
- G. Sometimes to describe God's perfection, the Holy Spirit caused the bible to just use one word three times, as when the heavenly creatures say of God that He is, "Holy, holy, holy!"
- H. If he had just used the same word three times, it would have come out like this
1. Be strengthened in the strength of His strength
 2. Be empowered in His powerful power
 3. Be mighty in the might of His might
- I. That is not the way the Holy Spirit communicated the truth to us in this place, so that must not have been the best way to say this.
- J. The perfect, inspired, way the apostle wrote it was to use three different words for the concept, all in the same sentence. Very literally, in the original, it was written like this: Be strengthened in the power the might of His.
1. That's a very word-for-word rendering, true to the original, but it is not a true translation, because that isn't really English
 2. We would never say it like that, and we don't naturally know what that would mean.
- K. Hear how the English translators have attempted to render this in our language:
1. Tyndale, Coverdale, Geneva, KJV, NKJV: "be strong in Lord and in the power of His might"
 - a) it is three different Greek words
 - b) three different English words are used
 2. RSV 1885, ASV, NASB, RSV, ESV: "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might"
 - a) not because of a difference b/t TR and WH here
 - b) reflects that there is a connection between
 - (1) be strong, and
 - (2) the strength of His might
 3. NIV: "be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power"
 - a) notice the reversion to the earlier tradition

- b) a closer connection between “might” and “power”
 - 4. HCSB: “be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength”
 - a) note the best form of “strong” in “be strengthened”
 - b) note the connection between
 - (1) be strong, and
 - (2) vast strength
 - c) note the close connection between “vast” and “strength”
 - d) weakness in that “vast” is not really a good translation of that word
 - 5. so the Greek does not really travel well into the English in this place
- L. but whatever translation is in your bible, grasp firmly the truth
 - 1. you are told to be strengthened in the Lord
 - 2. this strengthening is by the might, the power of His
- M. I described this as a “glorious” truth
 - 1. we have a dreadful enemy to fight off
 - 2. we are not strong in ourselves to stand in that fight
 - 3. we need to be strengthened in the Lord
 - 4. that strength with which we are to be strengthened is no ordinary, natural, human power, but is the mighty power of God

II. The Meaning of this Glorious Truth in Three Words Has Already Been Explained to Us

- A. Okay, the analysis we just did helps us know what’s going on.
 - 1. The apostle is writing us about strength or power or might.
 - 2. He’s teaching us about how the strength with which we are strengthened is
 - a) the strong strength of the Lord,
 - b) the mighty power of His,
 - c) the power of His might
- B. Now let’s be reminded that what is here being commanded us regarding how we are to be able to stand against the attacks of the devil already was taught to us regarding how the Lord saved us from our sins and brought us to this good ground in the first place
- C. read Ephesians 1:15-23 (see our three-word truth in verse 19)
- D. the three words used here are the same we have just studied from chapter 6
 - 1. His **power** toward us who believe that’s our first word (a different form of the same word)
 - 2. KJV, NKJV His **mighty power** ESV his great might NIV his mighty strength -
 - a) those are our other two words
 - b) and they are in the very same order: “the power the might of His”
- E. I tell you that to establish in your minds that what Paul is teaching us in chapter 6 is based on a lesson He has already taught us in chapter 1.
- F. Before ever we needed to be strengthened to stand against the devil, we needed to be strengthened with spiritual life in the first place, being dead in our trespasses; Paul prayed that God would give us to know that: verse 16 making mention of

you in my prayers . . . verse 17 that God the Father may give you . . . verse 18 that you may know

1. verse 19 power (strength) . . . mighty power (ESV great might; NIV mighty strength)

G. So, the work of strengthening that we need to stand against the devil is not something entirely new to us, but is essentially the same thing God did for us when we were dead in our sins, powerless to do anything to save ourselves, without any strength, utterly helpless; He strengthened us; so much so that it was making us, who were dead in sins, alive

H. And the power of His might, the mighty power by which we are to be strengthened in the Lord, is not something we have not had brought to bear on us before. It is the same mighty power by which we who were spiritually dead were made spiritually alive.

I. This spiritual resurrection in which we were given strength by the powerful might of God is, in fact tied closely to the physical resurrection in which Christ was given strength by the powerful might of God

J. See how the bible describes this strengthening of Christ by God's mighty power

1. verse 20 this is the strength, the power, the might which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead!
2. verse 20 this is the strength, the power, the might, which He worked in Christ when He seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places
 - a) verse 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion
 - b) verse 21 far above every name that is named
3. verse 22 this is the strength, the power, the might by which He put all things under Christ's feet
4. verse 22-23 this is the strength, the power, the might by which He gave Christ to be head over all to the church, which is His body

K. So, when we are told in chapter 6, "Be strengthened in the Lord, in the power, the might of Him," drawing on the lesson from chapter 1, we understand him to mean,

1. as Christ was dead in the grave, and was strengthened to rise again and rule over all other powers, by the might, the power of God; and
2. as you were spiritually dead in sins, and were strengthened to have new life by the might, power of God; so now
3. be strengthened in the Lord Jesus, by that same mighty power of God, for standing firm against all the onslaughts of the spiritual forces of evil

III. APPLICATION: From Here On, Be Strengthened According to This Truth

- A. Think of the work of Christ in you not as a work of saving you initially, but a work of saving you initially, then strengthening you by the mighty power of God for every day of standing firm in Him, all the way until He comes back.
- B. Stop thinking of the strength to stand as the strength of your will power

1. attempting to stand against the devil, with only the strength of your will power is a losing proposition
 2. there is an interesting turn of phrase in Calvin's commentary on this verse; he says we must "disclaim our own strength"
 3. if we are to be strengthened in His mighty power, we must not hold the old mistaken notion that we have the necessary strength ourselves
- C. Conceive of the mighty power by which you are to be strengthened as the power that already has dealt the devil the decisive blow
- D. Mistaken notion: God has done so much for me; now I want to do something for Him; I'll not trouble Him with it; it will be done by me for Him
- E. I read something in Matthew Poole that sent me thinking a certain direction that seemed very helpful to me. These are not his words, just the general idea.
1. If we have tried to stand against the temptations of the devil many times, and failed, falling back into sin, is it smart or stupid to follow that same procedure again and again?
 2. It is popular to say that it is insane to do something over and over the same way and expect different results.
 3. Procedure: remain weak, and attempt to stand against temptation from the devil; fall into sin at the first onset of temptation; feel terrible about it; think about how next time you'll stand firm; repeat daily
 4. If you are to have a better outcome in the struggle against sin, you must have a better procedure, the procedure taught us, commanded us by our Savior and Lord
 5. Procedure: be strengthened in the Lord, in His mighty power; vigorously resist temptation from the devil; succeed in standing; have Satan and his demons flee before you
- F. It is a common to us human beings to want to succeed at something without the necessary hard work ahead of time to be ready to succeed
1. examples
 - a) get into the best program or job without the study
 - b) do great in business without the work
 - c) get our kids to behave without the discipline
 - d) have a smooth day of homeschool without preparing lesson plans
 - e) give a great sermon without studying and writing
 - f) have a restful Lord's Day without working ahead of time for it
 2. our mind naturally goes to the olympic athletes, who make the national team, and possible win a medal, because they have devoted themselves to the strengthening that is needed to succeed in their events; the victorious athlete is the very person the apostle Paul points to, to teach this concept
- G. There are at least two components to being victorious in sport or battle, and we typically ignore one
1. There is the intense effort in the moment of conflict; this is of great importance

2. But there is the work of strengthening in the years prior to the conflict
 3. If you take a fat, lazy slob from the banquet table of Artaxerxes and send him out to do battle with King Leonidas, it doesn't matter how fiercely that out-of-shape man struggles, he is not going to prevail against the Spartan warrior
 4. Likewise, if you are lazy and slovenly spiritually, not having worked to be strengthened in the Lord, in the might of His power, intensity of effort in the moment of temptation most likely will not keep you standing before the attacks of the evil one.
- H. Understand the process of strengthening is not accomplished immediately, but gradually.
1. illus. twins getting strong by Ty-bow
 2. New Year's resolutions
- I. So, conceive of the Christian life in this way: When Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, and was buried
1. You think constantly of Jesus Christ, who, when He had been crucified for our sins, God strengthened to rise from the dead, and set Him above all other powers, by the power of His might
 2. You praise God for having strengthened you to rise from the dead spiritually with Christ, by the power of His might
 3. You seek to be strengthened to stand against temptation by that same mighty power of God, as granted to you in Jesus Christ
 4. You seek that strengthening regularly, often, constantly, not desiring unusual experiences, but contenting your self with the normal means of grace our Lord Jesus has provided for your strengthening
 5. You then meet each onslaught of the devil strong in the Lord, in the power of His might, and are able to stand

CONCLUSION

Eph 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 1:15-23 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, (16) do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: (17) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, (18) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the exceeding greatness of His **power [G1411 dunamis]** toward us who believe, according to the working of His **mighty [G2904 kratos] power [G2479 ischus]** (20) which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, (21) far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. (22) And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, (23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

ESV Eph 1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his **power [G1411 dunamis]** toward us who believe, according to the working of his **great [G2904 kratos] might [G2479 ischus]**

dunamis / endunamoo

Ephesians 1 - praying that God the Father will grant that you know His strength or power toward us who believe

Ephesians 6 - charging you to be strengthened or empowered in the Lord

kratos ischus

Ephesians 1 - God the Father worked this in Christ when He

-raised Him from the dead

-seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, above all other powers

-put all things under His feet

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Ephesians 6 - Jesus Christ strengthens you in this

and in the power of His might

JRY:

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Calvin:

To explain his meaning more fully, he adds, "in the power of his might" it shews the remarkable assistance which God usually bestows upon believers

Poole:

Though your own strength be but weakness, yet Christ's power is mighty, and he can communicate enough to you.

God's almighty strength is it on which your courage must be builded

look to this almighty power of God, which subdueth all things for us

It must teach us to disclaim our own strength.

JRY:

not in the power of religious sentiment

not in the power of

[suggested by Poole] It is stupid of us to fall so many times, when trying to stand in our own strength, then think with just another try we will stand in our own strength next time.

APPLICATION: How to be strengthened in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Gill:

since there is strength in him, which is communicable to them, they may expect it from him, and depend upon it

they may strengthen themselves in it, and by it, by meditation on it, by prayer for it, by waiting on Christ in his own ways, by exercising faith upon him, and through the Spirit, who strengthens them from him with might in the inward man.

JRY:

we could look at some who have had strength, and see what we know about how they got it

Psalm 18:32 It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

Psalm 18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

Psalms 18:39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

2 Corinthians 10:2-6 But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. (3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, (5) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,

bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (6) and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. (7) For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. (8) But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Ephesians 6:14-18 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (15) and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (16) above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (18) praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

1 Samuel 2:1-10 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. (2) "No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. (3) "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. (4) "The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength. (5) Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble. (6) "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. (7) The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. (8) He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And He has set the world upon them. (9) He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. (10) The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."

In this letter, we, the church of Jesus Christ, have been told what is true, that we may believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, and what is commanded us, that we may obey our Lord Jesus Christ.

The devil and all the hosts of wickedness with him hate our Lord Jesus, and hate us because we are His. They do not want us to believe in Christ as we have been taught here, and they do not want us to obey Christ as we have been commanded here.

We stand here, on the ground laid out for us in this letter.
The devil and all who are with him will be trying to knock us off of it.
Our Lord's apostle tells us what to do so that we may be able to stand here.

Our commander has shown us our rightful position, and has told us to hold this ground.
This is the ground that belongs to the church, having been given it by the Lord Jesus.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Think how often the bible speaks of God's people as being in violent conflict with the forces of evil.

You have your own sinful flesh to deal with
You also have the world to deal with
But think now for a while about the fact that you have the devil and his hosts to deal with

He is a foe whose ultimate defeat is sure. But that does not mean he is not a vicious and dangerous enemy still for now.

It is good, as Ephesians chapter 2 taught us, to be made by God to be one new man in Christ Jesus. It is good to do as Ephesians 4 teaches us, and grow into the maturity of a full-grown man. But many full-grown men have lost possession of what they had because they have been driven off the ground they had gained by the attacks of an enemy. And many full-grown mature men have been wounded and killed by the attacks of cruel enemies.

Put on the whole armor of God

Hodge:

Instead of relying on the arms which God has provided, men have always been disposed to trust to those which they provide for themselves or which have been prescribed by others. Seclusion from the world (i.e. flight rather than conflict), ascetic and ritual observances, invocation of saints and angels, and especially, celibacy, voluntary poverty, and monastic obedience, constitute the panoply which false religion has substituted for the armor of God. Of this fatal mistake, manifested from the beginning, the apostle treats at length in his Epistle to the Colossians, Col_2:18-23.

Trapp:

Or else never think to do the afore mentioned duties

JRY:

ILLUS: Gas chamber during basic training
the gas mask is not pleasing to the flesh

Hodgins:

[paraphrasing]

- Paul not referring to organizing for political action
- Paul not referring to missionary endeavor
- Paul referring here to the everyday mundane matters

Genesis 15:1-6 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." (2) But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" (3) Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" (4) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." (5) Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." (6) And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Deuteronomy 33:29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places."

2 Samuel 22:1-4 Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. (2) And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; (3) The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. (4) I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Isaiah 59:16-21 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. (17) For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. (18) According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. (19) So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. (20) "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD. (21) "As for Me," says the

LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

Isaiah 11:1-5 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. (2) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. (3) His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; (4) But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (5) Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness [LXX G225 aletheia] the belt of His waist.

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-righteousness as a breastplate
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Psalm 18

Borgman:

Paul is not thinking of Roman soldier armor, but of Isaiah 59:17 armor

Griswold:

This armor is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

"I am the truth"

"Christ, our righteousness"

"He is our peace"

Rom 13: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

When a soldier goes into battle, his armament is already chosen for him.

If you are not interested in these weapons, you fear men rather than God.

that you may be able to stand against

Hoehner:

to stand defensively (not to conquer) against the onslaughts

to stand defensively against the spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies

the wiles of the devil

gird your waist with truth G225 aletheia

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having shod your feet [G4228 pous] with the preparation [G2091 hetoimasia] of the gospel [G2098 euaggelion] of peace [G1515 eirene]

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news [LXX G2097 euaggelizo], Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

shield [G2375 thureos] of faith [G4102 pistis]

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