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Where Does Strength to Stand for Truth & Righteousness Come From?

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Where does strength to stand for truth and righteousness come from, and the grace and ability to do so out of love and reverence for GOD, and love and respect for people? By nature and upbringing, I am quiet and reserved, and not a strong and bold man. But when the Spirit of GOD is moving in and through me, then I am strong and bold. Yet I've also been pondering why so often I stay silent or don't

rise up and speak when I ought to? The Holy Spirit answered, and helped me realize that when I'm willing to stand for Him and for Truth, He then immediately comes to strengthen me to do so; but if I remain silent and don't stand, then I don't receive His empowerment. So it's actually His power in us that empowers us to stand! He also prompted me to do a Bible study on "strength," and here are some of my initial discoveries:

- 1. GOD is exceedingly stronger and more mighty that any other being or creature in heaven or on earth, and He possesses absolute power and authority over everyone and everything.
- 2. GOD humbles Himself to share His strength, might and power with His people who are totally submitted to Him.
- 3. Most of the Hebrew words in the Bible speaking of the strength, might and power of GOD, also speak of the same He gives to His people.

1 Chronicles 16:26-31: "26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Splendor and majesty are before Him, **strength** [H5797: \overline{oz}] and joy are in His place. 28 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and **strength**. [H5797] 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him; worship the LORD in holy array. 30 Tremble before Him, all the earth; indeed, the

world is firmly established, it will not be moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let them say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns.'"

Exodus 15:2: "The LORD is my **strength** [H5797] and song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will extol Him."

Ephesians 1:18-19: "18 [I pray that] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will 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 surpassing greatness of His **power** [G1411: dynamis force, miraculous or inherent power] toward us who believe. [These are] in accordance with the working of the **strength** [G2904: kratos vigor, force] of His **might**." [G2479: ischys forcefulness]

Revelation 1:13-16: "13...[I saw] one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. 14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. 15 His feet [were] like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice [was] like the sound of many waters. 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its **strength**." [G1411].

4. Believers in Christ Jesus and the Church under His authority have the power, might and strength of the Spirit of Jesus dwelling in us because of the resurrection of Jesus and all authority and power being given to Him.

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Thus, for those of us who are true believers in Jesus Christ, in whom the Spirit of GOD dwells, we have instant access to the strength, might and power of GOD within us at the moment we are willing to humble ourselves and stand for Him, for true Truth, righteousness, and the sanctity of human life; and against evil and the taking of innocent human life.

PRAY that we as believers and disciples of Jesus Christ, and sons and daughters of the Most Hight, will comprehend these truths and live in the strength, might, power, grace, truth and righteousness of GOD, available to us by the Spirit of GOD, every day for the remainder of our lives here on earth.

With gratitude for the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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