

Lesson 96 Answers and Comments

Conceive	soul	holy	proud	glorified
Son	magnify	holy	proud	Israel
Holy	Lord	mercy	stumble	loved
Ghost	heart	thousands	fall	everlasting
Highest	rejoiceth	love	mighty	defend
Overshadow	Saviour	me	broken	feeble
Holy	Saviour	keep	stumbled	David
Son	eyes	commandments	strength	nations
God	salvation	mercy	raiseth	against
Jesus	him	thousands	poor	Jerusalem
Throne	redemption	great	lifteth	bless
David	Jerusalem	mercy	needy	bless
Reign	low	fear	full	curse
Jacob	respect	him	bread	curseth
For	lowly	right	hungry	thee
Ever	blessed	hand	ceased	families
Kingdom	blessed	power	satisfieth	blessed
End	King	dashed	fillet	everlasting
God	glory	pieces	hungry	seed
Impossible	strong	strong	hunger	seed
Behold	mighty	hand	mercy	nations
Handmaid	mighty	arm	truth	blessed
Word	great	rule	house	Hannah's
Sign	great	adversaries	Israel	
Virgin	might	broken	Israel	
Conceive	holy	pieces	servant	
Son	holy	against	forgotten	
Believed	holy	most	redeemed	

When we think back to that time in Israel's history when the believers anticipated the salvation, the redemption, the Saviour of Israel, we can appreciate their joy and glorying in the appearing of the Lord on the earth!

We too have an event to fix our affection on. Paul says in Titus "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Our Saviour is coming to gather His body together to meet Him in the air and take us home to be with Him in heaven for ever! What joy and comfort should fill our hearts as we look for him!!

Lesson 97

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

As Paul brings this magnificent epistle of Ephesians to a close he gives instructions to the saints concerning God’s provision for their victory over the conflict that they will encounter with his foe, the devil and his forces of evil.

The believers combat with Satan is fierce, unrelenting, savage and violent. As we study through this text of Eph. 6:10-18 we will see that God has provided for our entire and utter victory over this mighty foe!

No human effort, human resource or human strength can possibly prepare and equip the believer for the battle he will face and the victory that God desires for him.

But before Paul reveals the strength and fierceness of our enemy he starts out by showing us the strength of God’s provision. This reminds me of an account in II Kings 6:13-17. In vs. 13 we find the King of Syria looking for Elisha and the King learns that he is in _____. Vs. 14 The King of Syria sent thither _____, and _____ and a great _____: and they came by night, and _____ the city about. Vs. 15 Elisha’s servant, upon awakening, sees the King of Syria’s great host surrounding them. He says to Elisha “...Alas, my master! _____?” Elisha’s servant is terrified at the strength of the enemy. Vs. 16 Elisha says what God says to all his people when they are faced with an attack of the enemy. “_____”: for they that be _____ us are _____ than they that be with _____.”

Rom. 8:37 “Nay, in all these things we are more than _____ through him that loved us.”

Rom. 8:31 “...If _____ be _____ us, who can be _____ us?”

Vs. 17 Elisha prayed that God would show his servant the provision of might and power that God had provided for them. “...and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was _____ of _____ and _____ of _____ about _____.” When Elisha’s servant saw God’s provision it vanquished his fears and put his enemy in proper perspective. Elisha prayed in vs. 17 that the Lord would open his servants eyes, that he _____...”

In Eph. 6:10 God wants us to see His provision for us before we start looking at our enemy and the warfare that he will engage us in. “Finally, my brethren, be _____ in the _____, and in the _____ of his _____.” I love those 3 words in this verse that give us a mental picture of victory!! Strong, Power and Might

When I see the word strong I immediately think of Rom. 5:6 “For when we were yet _____, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” There was a time when we were without strength, helpless to change our sinful condition, or God’s judgment of death against our sin. Our salvation had to be totally a work of God for us. We were “without strength”! Only as we by faith avail ourselves of Christ’s redeeming sacrifice are we saved and stand righteous and accepted before God. This perfect standing is based on a vital union that takes place between Christ and the believer at the moment of belief. This is a divine supernatural accomplishment of God on our behalf. Just as God’s strength through the finished work of Christ can save those who are without strength so also is His strength able to empower us in our daily walk.

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II Cor. 12:9, 10 “And he said unto me, My _____ is _____ for thee: for my _____ is made _____ in _____. Most gladly therefore will I glory in infirmities that the _____ of Christ may _____ upon me. Vs. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____ for Christ’s sake: for when I am _____, then am I _____.”

The Christian life is never about who we are in our flesh. Just as our salvation was all of God, our Christian life also is all of God.

Col. 2:6, 7 “As ye have therefore _____ Christ Jesus the Lord, so _____ ye in him: vs. 7 _____ and _____ up _____, and _____ in the _____.”

Read Heb. 11:32-34. Vs. 34 “Quenched the violence of fire, _____ the edge of the _____, out of _____ were _____, waxed _____ in _____, turned to _____ the _____ of the aliens.”

If we would go back and read through the accounts of these men of faith you would soon see that God alone was their strength, their avenger, their deliverer, their refuge. In Heb. 11:33 we read that “Who _____ subdued kingdoms...” As these men took God at His word they were strengthened, made conquerors, vanquished their enemies, enjoyed great victories.

Fast forward to the age of grace. Eph. 6:10 “...Be _____ in the _____...” This is the same Lord of the O. T. We are to be strong in the Lord. Not a religion, not tradition, not our pastor. When we got saved, God put us in His Son, that Christ might live His life in us.

Gal. 2:20 “...but _____ in me: and the _____ which I _____ live in the flesh I live by the _____ of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

As you and I know Christ as He is to be known in the dispensation of grace, we will be empowered to live the Christian life. What then does Paul reveal about Christ that was before unknown but now revealed?? But we know the Lord in the dispensation of grace according to the _____ of the _____ in Rom. 16:25. Now look at II Tim. 2:1, a similar passage as Eph. 6:10. “Thou therefore, my son, be _____ in the _____ that is in _____.” Paul goes on to instruct Timothy about being a good soldier and the warfare he must fight. Being strong in the Lord is equal to being strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Do you remember what Paul said back in the verse we looked at in II Cor. 12:9 “...My _____ is sufficient for thee...” God’s grace is wrapped up in His Son. The Lord Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God’s grace. We are to be strong in the grace found in the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed by Paul.

Read the first 3 chapters of Eph. And you will see God’s magnificent grace unfold as He tells us of the riches of His grace that are all secured for us IN CHRIST!

Let’s just pull out a few:

Eph. 1:3 “...blessed with all _____ in heavenly places _____.”

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Eph. 1:6 “To the praise of the glory of his _____ wherein he hath made us acceptable _____ the _____.”

Eph. 1:7 “_____ we have _____ through his blood, the _____ of _____ according to the _____ of his _____.”

Eph. 2:6 “And hath _____ us up together, and made us _____ together in heavenly places _____ Christ Jesus.”

Eph. 2:13 “But now _____ ... are made _____ by the blood of Christ.”

Eph. 2:18 “For _____ we both have _____ by one Spirit unto the Father.”

Eph. 2:22 “_____ ye also are builded together for an _____ of God through the Spirit.”

Eph. 3:8 “Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this _____ given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the _____ of _____.”

To know the marvels of God’s grace given to us in His Son is to be strong in the Lord!

As you and I are _____ and _____ up in _____ as we saw before in Col. 2:7 we will find that the grace in Christ will strengthen our inner man.

Eph. 3:16 “That he would grant you, according to the _____ of his _____, to be _____ with _____ by his Spirit in the _____; God is interested in strengthening our inner man. The text goes on to explain that it is through knowing the love of Christ in every aspect that will enable the believer to be a powerhouse in his inner man.

Paul opens and closes almost every one of his letters with grace. God’s grace to us in His Son is His provision for our salvation and our Christian life. Are we strong in it?

Eph. 6:10 says “... _____ strong in the Lord...” “Be, such a little word, will we heed God’s directive and avail ourselves of His provision to be victorious in our combat with the mighty foe?

Just as Elisha prayed that God would open his servant’s eyes that he “might see” God’s mighty provision, so Paul prays for us in Eph. 1:18 “The _____ of your _____ being _____; that ye may _____ what is the hope of his calling...”

Eph. 1:19 “And what is the _____ of his _____ to _____ who _____...”

Does God show us a host of horses with chariots of fire encompassed round about us as He displays to us His mighty power??

Next week we will see just what God shows us when He displays His mighty power.