

Answers and Comments Lesson 101

False	days	all	captivity	offended
Deceitful	evil	stand	thought	standeth
Apostles	princes	confidence	obedience	faith
Christ	world	touching	fought	highminded
Satan	crucified	do	good	fear
Angel	Lord	will	fight	sufficient
Light	glory	do	finished	ourselves
Ministers	godly	persuaded	kept	sufficiency
Transformed	suffer	full	faith	God
Ministers	persecution	goodness	move	always
Righteousness	suffer	filled	finish	all
Like	sufferings	knowledge	joy	sufficiency
Working	sufferings	confidence	ministry	all
Satan	Christ	obedience	they	things
Power	darkness	do	overthrow	abound
Signs	light	more	wilderness	
Lying	evil	confidence	thinketh	
Wonders	none	all	standeth	
Whole	one	things	heed	
Armour	all	stand	fall	
God	partakers	hardness	pride	
Withstand	no	good	destruction	
Evil	fellowship	casting	haughty	
Day	unfruitful	down	fall	
Stand	works	exalteth	all	
Withstand	darkness	against	offended	
Evil	wrestle	knowledge	I	
Day	done	bringing	never	

It seems that there are times in our lives when our weakness is exceedingly laid bare and we cling to God's strength as never before. These are such times for me now. I can only keep God's word ever before me, fall on His promises, and rely on His strength to keep from being swallowed up. Thank God for sound doctrine that is able to accomplish the impossible in our life! Rom. II Cor. 12:9 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. I must admit I'm having a struggle with the glorying and "taking pleasure" in my persecutions part. "How precious these words are to me in these days.

I covet your prayers that I will not only stand but that I will take the shield of faith and quench the arrows that have pierced my heart and seek to set my soul afire and yes, to even glory in these adversities.

Lesson 102 Loins Girt with Truth

Ephesians 6:14 “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth...”

If we are to stand we must stand armed (clothed) in God’s armour. This is the only place where Paul uses the word loins.

Loins – the area of the body from approximately the waist to the thigh. Used to express physical strength and reproductive power. The part of the body which should be clothed. The part of the body which produces deep emotions.

Gen. 35:11 “...and kings shall come out of thy _____.” (generative power)

Ex. 12:11 “And thus shall ye eat it, with your _____, your _____ on your _____...” (clothed loins) Is. 5:27 “...neither shall the _____ of their _____ be _____...” A “girdle” was worn over the loins.

Ex. 28:42 “And thou shalt make them (priests) _____ to cover their _____; from the _____ unto the _____ they shall reach.” (area of body where the loins are)

Ps. 38:3 & 7, “There is no _____ in my _____ because of thine anger...” vs. 7 “My _____ are filled with a _____ disease...”

Ps. 69:23 “...and make their _____ continually to _____.” Dan. 5:6 “...and his _____ him so that the joints of his _____ were _____ and his _____ smote one against another” (the loins can tremble)

Peter speaks of girding the _____ of your _____ in I Pet. 1:3.

It is in the loins of our minds where feelings, fears, courage and confidence originate. (Dan. 5:6) Our minds are where thoughts can come in and produce courage or a shaking all the way down to our inner loins.

In so many passages of O.T. scripture we see that the “girding of your loins” was done in preparation for a task.

In Jer. 1:17 we see that God tells Jeremiah to “... _____ up thy _____, and arise, and _____ unto them all that I command thee:...”

I Kings 18:46 “...and he _____ up his _____, and _____ before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.”

Job 38:3 “ _____ up now thy _____ like a man, for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.”

In Ex. 12:11 we saw that the Israelites were to gird their loins as they ate the Passover in preparation for their swift exodus from Egypt.

Luke 12:35, 36 “Let your _____ be _____ about and your lights burning vs. 36 “...that when he cometh and knocketh, they may _____ unto him immediately.”

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We also see in many O.T. scriptures that sackcloth was girded on the loins.

Gen. 37:34 “And Jacob rent his clothes, and put _____ upon his _____, and _____ for his son many days.”

I Kings 20:32 “So they girded _____ on their _____...”

Is. 20:2 “...loose the _____ from off thy _____...”

Sackcloth was a rough garment worn many times in a display of confession and repentance from sins.

Nehemiah 9:1, 2 “...and with _____, and earth upon them. Vs. 2 ...and stood and _____ their _____...”

The “loins” were also vulnerable.

Deut. 33:11 “..._____ through the _____ of them that rise against him...”

Isn't the Bible fascinating! We took just a little time to study the use of the word “loins” in the Bible and saw that there is much to learn.

Paul says in Eph. 6:14 “...having your _____ about with _____...”

Girt – surround, clothed, bound. Paul begins with having our loins girt about with _____.

In our warfare with the devil, our first piece of armor that will enable us to withstand and stand is TRUTH!

David says in Ps. 25:5 “Lead me in _____...”

Its God's armour we are to put on and therefore it is God's truth that we must girt on our loins!

Ps. 138:2 “...and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy _____: for thou hast magnified thy _____ above all thy name.”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy _____: thy _____ is _____.”

Eph. 1:13 “...after that ye heard the _____ of _____, the _____ of your salvation...”

I Thess. 2:13 “...but as it is in _____, the _____ of _____...”

II Tim. 2:15 “...rightly _____ the _____ of _____.”

And there are many many more scriptures that proclaim this glorious truth! God's Word is truth.

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It is of utmost importance that we do not wrest or twist this truth that we girt on our loins.

Speaking of Paul's epistles Peter says in II Pet. 3:16 "As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things _____ to be _____, which they that are _____ and _____, as they do also the other _____, unto their own _____."

Isn't it interesting in the very next verse, 17, how Peter says that this wresting of the scriptures is the "...beware lest ye also, being _____ away with the _____ of the _____, fall from your own _____."

Peter warns these Jewish believers that the devil's plan is to twist the scriptures, which will bring destruction and a lack of standing in the faith.

Erring in the scriptures has serious consequences, either by not knowing them or twisting them. All of God's word is truth, but it needs to be rightly divided!

The rightly divided word of truth needs to be put on our loins.

Remember some of the things we just looked at regarding loins?

There are loins of our minds and inner most being. Our loins can produce shaking and quaking or courage and strength. Our loins are vulnerable. Our loins should be clothed in readiness for work to be done.

Paul is saying that we need God's truth down in our innermost being, guarding, protecting, strengthening us in our most vital and vulnerable parts.

David speaks of hiding God's word in his _____ in Ps. 119:11.

Paul says in Col. 3:16 "Let the _____ of _____ in you _____..." Sink into your loins and be at home, live in your life.

God's word can penetrate into our very heart with illuminating, transforming, power. Heb. 4:12 "For the _____ of _____ is _____ and _____, and sharper than any two edged sword, _____ even to the dividing asunder of _____ and _____, and of the _____ and _____, and is a _____ of the thoughts and intents of the _____."

The word of God, His truth, imparts nourishing strength!

I Pet. 2:2 "As newborn babes, desire the sincere _____ of the _____, that ye may _____ thereby."

I Cor. 3:2 "I have _____ you with _____, and not with _____..."

Heb. 5:14 "But _____ belongeth to them that are of full age..."

The truth surrounding our loins will strengthen our inner man.

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The word of God (truth) has power to comfort and bring hope. Rom. 15:4 “For whatsoever things were _____ aforetime were written for our _____, that we through patience and _____ of the _____ might have _____.” The truth will clothe our loins with comfort, courage and hope.

The word of God can cleanse and purify us. Speaking of the church, the body of Christ, Paul says in Eph. 5:26 “That he might _____ and _____ it with the _____ of _____ by the _____.” The truth clothed on our loins will protect us from sin and its corrupting effects.

I Thess. 2:13 talks about the power of God’s word to work in our lives “...the word of God which _____ also in you that _____.”

Acts 20:32 “...and to the _____ of his _____, which is _____ to _____ you _____...” The truth will protect our loins from error.

A profound passage as to the importance and power of the scriptures (the truth) is found in II Tim. 3:14-17 vs. 16 “_____ is given by _____ of God, and is _____ for _____, for _____, for _____, for _____ in _____: vs. 17 That the _____ of _____ may be _____, _____ unto all _____.”

The word of God clothed on our loins will equip us for the work!

It is abundantly clear that God uses His Word!

Paul instructs us to girt up our loins with truth!

Dear friend, thank God for a perfect word of God that will enable us to stand as we battle the wicked one. God’s truth surrounding our loins is more than sufficient to protect us from doctrinal errors, the temptations, the discouragements, of the adversary.