

Strong - Weak

1.

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

The strength that God offers for our work is renewed in the faith of waiting for God to work.

2.

2 Corinthians 4:7-8 (ESV)

Treasure in Jars of Clay

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

(A “jar of clay” was a pot to urinate in.) God made us “jars of clay” that we might see His surpassing power all the more.

3.

Colossians 1:11 (ESV)

being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

Our endurance, patience and joy are only as strong as we, by faith, tap into His glorious might.

4.

Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

We are not to arm ourselves with our strength but rather with His strength and might.

5.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (ESV)

and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Our faith is at rest when it is not tied to persuasive words of man, but rather powerful works of God.

6.

Ephesians 3:16 (ESV)

16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

The strength that is produced inside by the Spirit allows us to walk outside; in and with the Spirit.

7.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV Strong's)

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Our gift of eternal life in the future comes with the benefits of power for our life in the present.

8.

Isaiah 50:2 (ESV Strong's)

... Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver?

Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea,

I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water and die of thirst.

God's power is not lacking that it cannot redeem our suffering, empower us in weakness, and/or fill us when we are lacking.

9.

2 Corinthians 13:4 (ESV Strong's)

For he (Jesus) was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we ALSO are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

Even though in dark times we feel weak, it is in dark times we actually find His strength. Jesus, like us, was of weak flesh, but was crucified in the power of God.

10.

2 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV)

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,

It's when we think we are the most sufficient without Him, that we actually become the least sufficient before Him

11.

Ephesians 1:19 (ESV Strong's)

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

His power is so great it is immeasurable but He still makes it believable and applicable for our lives.

12.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (ESV)

Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take JOY in the God of my salvation.
GOD, the Lord, is my STRENGTH;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.
To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

When He is the center of what we want, we can even have joy and strength when we lack what we need.

13.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (ESV)

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

When we feel the weakest, God has us in the best place-tis 😊

14.

Psalms 27:14 (ESV)

Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Psalms 31:24 (ESV)

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

The thought is that as you are waiting for strength you are actually strengthened by the waiting.

15.

Proverbs 18:10 (ESV)

The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

If you want to run to a tower of reliability make sure it is the one of God's sovereignty.

16.

Psalms 62:11 (ESV)
Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

Because power ultimately belongs to God, He subsequently can give it to us.

17.

2 Samuel 22:40 (ESV)
For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under me.

God not only elevates us with strength, but He also diminishes our enemies in weakness.

18.

Zechariah 4:6 (ESV)
Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

This verse tells us that deliverance is not by our might and our power, but by the Spirit's strength to work in us. When we have no strength we are in the best position to receive His.

19.

2 Timothy 2:1 (ESV)
You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

The fuel for our strength to live for Him comes from the pump of the grace that flows from Him. Pull up to the pump each day.

20.

Psalms 9:9 (ESV)
The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

A stronghold was the place you ran to for safety when the enemy came to destroy you. When we make Him our stronghold we never have to fear them.

21.

Psalms 91:1-2 (ESV)
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

The strength that makes us mighty is found in the shadow of the almighty.

22.

Psalms 91:3-4

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Our strength and security is not in the strength of our arms but under the shadow of His faithful wings.

23.

In speaking about the prophets of old, they ...

Hebrews 11:34 (ESV)

quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Even God's greatest prophets were made strong out of their weakness. God put them in situations that, in the end, strengthened them.

24.

1 Peter 1:5 (ESV)

... who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Because of our faith in him, we are being guarded by his power over us.

25.

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

We can be assured we have all the strength we need in this life, because it is by his power we have this life.

26.

2 Timothy 1:8 (ESV)

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

We can actually rejoice that we share in the suffering of the gospel, because we also share in the power of God.

27.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (ESV)

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

Every act He has called on us to perform, He has empowered us to perform.

28.

Psalms 147:5 (ESV)

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

We cannot measure his power toward us because understanding Him is beyond us.

29.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NASB

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

It is in our weakest moments we realize His greatest power.

30.

Psalms 18:32 (ESV)

the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.

Psalms 18:39 (ESV)

For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under me.

It is God's responsibility to equip you with the strength needed to carry the load He gave you.

31.

1 Peter 4:11 (ESV)

whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

In our service for Him we are strengthened by Him.