

## Strength

**Psalm 8:2-Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.** (KJV)

Young children speak with honesty in ways that are of great benefit to adults. Children reflect in their behavior and demeanor the love and care they receive. Adults learn valuable lessons for daily life by carefully observing children at play. God is at work and is fully present in the life of each child wherever the child is. Be mindful of Jesus' love of children and Jesus' expectations for adults. (Lk. 18:15-17)

**Psalm 18:1-I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.** (KJV)

Wise individuals realize personal strength is from and is dependent on the Lord. All bodily movement and functioning are completely dependent on the Lord God. Muscles exist, develop and work because of the presence and action of the Lord. The mind is created by the Lord and mental strength develops due to the Lord. Wise believers remain conscious of the Lord as the continued Source of strength.

**Psalm 18:2-The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.** (KJV)

Serious believers are ever grateful to the Lord as the Source of personal strength. Believers seeking strength to deal with life's problems pray fervently to the Lord. Full confidence is well placed in the Lord God as the source of life's strength. Evil will never triumph over the believer placing full confidence in the Lord God. Lives of the saints and martyrs attest to the value of drawing strength from God.

**Psalm 18:32-It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.** (KJV)

Draw strength in full hope from the Lord to deal with the daily problems of life. Believers realizing God is the Source of strength for life experience internal peace. Learn from God the vital relationship necessary between humility and strength. The Lord's love is a manifestation of strength in lasting personal relationships. Holy Apostle Paul's Epistle testifies to the supreme power of love. (1 Cor.13:1-13)

**Psalm 18:39-For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.** (KJV)

St. John's Epistle describes the power of perfect love to triumph over fear. (1 Jn. 4:18) Serious believers think about God as the Source of strength necessary for daily life. Fervent prayers to the Lord God will fortify believers against the wiles of the devil. The Holy Apostle Paul puts strength in perspective in times of weakness. (2 Cor.12:10) Believers immersing themselves in the Holy Scriptures experience God's peace.

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