

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Daniel 10:15 – 19a

"While he was speaking to me, I looked down at the ground, unable to say a word... my strength is gone, I can hardly breath." Then the one who looked like man, an angelic messenger, touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. "Don't be afraid", he said, "for you are deeply loved by God. Be at peace *and* be strong." Daniel 10:15 – 19a NLT

The Word of the Lord at once weakens and strengthens us. As the light of the Word enters our hearts we see ourselves in light of His unveiled beauty and glory and we lose all heart and hope of standing before Him. We see ourselves as we are – sinners before a holy God. "Now when they heard *Peter's proclamation of the Gospel* they were cut to the heart, and said, "Men and brethren, what must we do?" (Acts 2:37).

But to those who receive this Word, repent of their sins and receive the Lord Jesus Christ – Who is the Eternal Word (John 1:1) – there comes a strengthening, not of natural means, but by supernatural – "that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man!" (Ephesians 3:16).

It is in seeing our weakness that we can call out for this exchange of strength – my "strength" so called, for His strength! (Isaiah 40:31). Therefore, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:19). The sooner you come to your weakness, the sooner His strength may be revealed in you.

"Lord, when I am weak, then in You I can be made strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9 – 10). In Jesus' name, I now submit myself to You Lord, and in so doing, I exchange my weaknesses – my various sins and habits, my certain trials and temptations, my sicknesses and struggles – that You Lord might release to me Your grace for overcoming strength and power! "He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increases strength." (Isaiah 40:29). "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." (Ephesians 3:16)

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