

The Sufficiency of YAHWEH to Me

The Lord is my light, and my Salvation – whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the refuge and Stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid (Psalm 27:1-2)?

The Lord is my light, brightening the way and ridding of all evil around me; there is nothing hidden from Him. Therefore I fear no one, because He is my refuge none will harm me; I am fixed and stable under His shadow. He is my stronghold, where I feel secure and protected from the enemy's arrows. His faithfulness is a shield of protection in the days of trouble. His angels are ordered to accompany, defend and preserve me. His presence in me opens my understanding of His Word, gives me discernment, which helps me to perceive clearly with understanding the spiritual things and life in general. I can lean on and be confident in Him, acknowledging His ways in all I do, for His light directs me in the paths of righteousness, bringing me closer to Him. His light illuminates my soul with His wisdom and teaches me not to be wise in my own eyes, so I can experience the blessings of healthy nerves, sinews, and marrow and moistening of my bones. His Wisdom is better than rubies or pearls, and all the things that I desire are not to be compared to it (Prov. 8). His wisdom is displayed in the entire world; from day to night times we are reminded of His sufficiency in wisdom through the creation of the world.

The sufficiency of His grace, which is His favor, His loving-kindness and mercy, was enough for Paul to live with a thorn in his flesh, which was for the purpose to keep him from being excessively exalted (II Cor. 12:7B). YAHWEH answered Paul, after his request for its removal, "My grace is enough for you; for My strength and power are made perfect in your weakness"; therefore, Paul said, I will all the more gladly glory in my weakness and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ may rest upon me (II Cor. 12:9)! When we walk in the strength of our abilities, YAHWEH'S strength and power are not visible in us. Self-sufficiency erases His sufficiency and robs of His glory. The testimony of Paul's life serves as a guide for us to recognize YAHWEH'S sufficiency in all that has to do with us. Paul said, "I can do all things, because He strengthens me". He is all sufficient for our everyday life's activities. And when we are weak His strength is made visible in us.

YAHWEH is our Salvation; in the light of His presence I see Him as my Salvation. When the world is against me I take comfort on the sufficiency of His finished work of salvation through His Son, YAHSHUA. Whom shall I fear? His power is more than sufficient to deliver me. His sufficiency shines throughout the ages; many have experienced the faithfulness of His sufficiency, when they humbled themselves before Him. We are only shapeless clay; He is the potter, the One Who forms and transforms us into His likeness; the strength we have comes from the sufficiency of His power; we must realize that and we must give Him the glory of our success.

For those who are devoid of strength due to circumstances of poor health, persecution, and poverty, only by faith will they be able to receive the sufficiency of YAHWEH 'S strength. We find this in the story of the Shunamite woman of II Kings chapter four. She could say, "All is well", facing the death of her son. The sufficiency of YAHWEH'S power in her life is visible and

blesses us. The sufficiency of YAHWEH'S power in the life of David is visible when he came to fight the giant Goliath with only five stones and a sling. With words of courage and faith he said to the giant, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, Whom you have defied... and all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into my hands" (I Samuel 17: 45,47). David gave credit to YAHWEH even before he had the victory, because he went to war with the giant Goliath in the sufficiency of YAHWEH, not in his own. He seemed weak in the eyes of the giant, but in that seemed weakness, YAHWEH'S strength and sufficiency were made known.

Moses walked the desert for forty years leading his people in the power of YAHWEH'S sufficiency. With only a rod in his hand he performed miracles as great as the dividing of the Red Sea for his people to pass through, a miracle that destroyed the Egyptian army who had come against them. With his rod he stroke the rock, and water came out of it (Exodus 17:5,6). In the sufficiency of YAHWEH'S power Joshua brought down Jericho, conquered cities and won battles and before his death he said, "And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. Know in all you hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one thing of them has failed (Joshua 23:14). Our YAHWEH is ever so present with us to be our sufficiency if we allow Him to be Lord of our life.

When you see that you are prospering in all you do, lift up your eyes to acknowledge where your strength and abilities have come from. Lift up your hands to heaven and thank Him for blessing you with His sufficiency in your abilities. Remember His faithfulness toward you and thank Him. Let not your heart grow proud and arrogant in your success. For He gives, but He also takes away. And you will soon realize that it was His sufficiency in you that prospered you. Whatever you do, do for the glory of His name, for the glory of His faithfulness, for the glory of Who He is.

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