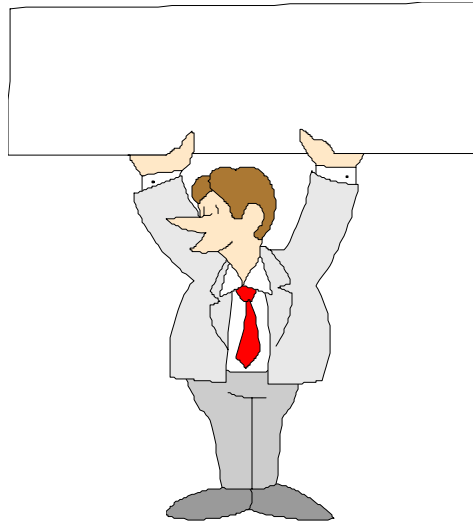


God Gives Us  
POWER  
To  
Resist Temptation  
Part 3



**OUR DAILY BREAD**

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### **SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:**

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

***Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

(John 14:6 KJB)

***Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*** (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.***

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

For the past few weeks, we have been learning about the POWER God gives to all His children to help them do what He wants them to do -

ESPECIALLY the POWER

to

## **RESIST TEMPTATIONS!**

So far, we've learned that God has given us HIS WORD as POWER to resist temptations! When our minds are FILLED WITH HIS WORD, we'll be able to THINK what God wants us to THINK about ALL things. We'll KNOW what God says about such things as drugs & alcohol. We'll KNOW that God loves us & is the ONLY ONE who CAN & DOES do what is ABSOLUTELY BEST for us! We'll KNOW for SURE that when we simply BELIEVE & OBEY God's WORD, He'll work all things out for good for us in EVERY SITUATION! Romans 8:28 KJB And He does all this for us by the POWER OF HIS WORD! How strong is His Word? Well for one thing, He simply SPOKE HIS WORD & this entire universe came into existence!



"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

Psalm 33:6 KJB

So in case you ever wondered HOW God made this entire universe, now you KNOW! He simply SPOKE His POWERFUL WORD & it was created! We sure ought to be

AMAZED at that! We sure ought to RESPECT & OBEY the GOD who CREATED ALL THIS! In fact, that is EX-  
ACTLY what God says we ought to do! Listen to this:

"Let all the earth fear the LORD (respect Him, obey Him) : let all the inhabitants of the world (That's you & me too!) stand in awe of him." Psalm 33:8 KJB

Do YOU fear the Lord? Do YOU stand in awe of Him? And WHY should we ALL respect & obey the Lord? Why should we ALL stand in awe of God? Here's why:

"For he spake, and it was *done*; he com-  
manded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:9 KJB

We ALL ought to RESPECT & STAND IN AWE of God because He is the Supreme Authority of this universe who SPOKE it all into existence simply by HIS WORD! And! If God chose NOT to speak this world into existence, IT WOULD NOT EXIST &

NEITHER would YOU or I!



Soooo! If His Word is THAT POWERFUL, His Word sure can HELP US RESIST TEMPTATION! We sure ought to have our minds FILLED with His POWERFUL WORD every day!

But, as we stated last week, God's Word is not the only POWER that He gives to all His children to help them live the way God wants them to live while they are down here on earth. God GRACIOUSLY

gives ALL HIS CHILDREN - all those who simply ACCEPT JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR - other sources of His POWER TOO! And He gives these to us the INSTANT we believe in Jesus!

Now before we continue learning what these other sources of God's POWER are, let's take just a moment to think about the meaning of the word

## **POWER!**



Power is the ABILITY & STRENGTH to do something. It is physical force or strength. It is also strength of mind & emotions too.

I'll bet lots of you were thinking about that meaning of power! However, there are other meanings of the word power too! Here's an important one:

Power is the AUTHORITY or RIGHT to act or do something according to a law or rule.



The BEST example of both meanings of the word POWER is GOD! God is the SUPREME POWER - AUTHORITY - KING of this entire universe! He has the RIGHT or POWER to do as He pleases with all He has created. What He says, GOES! His Word accomplishes ALL He sends it out to do! By His Word, God flooded this entire earth. He divided the Red Sea! Once, God even told the SUN & THE MOON to stand still so that the man named Joshua & God's people could win a certain battle! Read Joshua 10:12-14 KJB. If God could do all this, He sure can help us with ANYTHING - even resisting temptation.

So as we continue with this lesson about the POWER God gives to all His children, keep these 2 meanings of the word POWER in your mind. These meanings will help you understand how God's POWER works in the lives of all His children who simply choose to BELIEVE & OBEY God, their Father!

God want us to be STRONG! He knows that our enemy - Satan - LOVES when we feel bad about ourselves. Satan LOVES when we are afraid. Satan LOVES when we give in to temptation instead of trusting & obeying God. So God tells ALL His children HOW TO BE STRONG! God also tells ALL His children HOW to use HIS POWER that is IN them! Ephesians 6:10-18 is one of the MANY scriptures that tell us HOW to be STRONG in the POWER OF THE LORD! As you read it, you will notice that we underlined some words. The underlined words tell us the other parts of the TREASURE OF GOD'S POWER that God gives to ALL His children - right inside them!

But remember this! Even though ALL God's children HAVE God's POWER available to them, many of God's children never take the time to learn about it or use it. That's why many of God's children find it so HARD to resist temptations of all kinds! Now let's read Eph 6:10-18 KJB. If YOU are a child of God,



READ this scripture CAREFULLY so that YOU can know about all the POWER God has given YOU & learn how to use it!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,  
and in the power of his might."

See! Right there God tells all believers to be STRONG!  
Did you notice HOW? Check the underlined words! God  
did NOT say be strong in YOURSELF! Most of us are really  
very weak! But God says BE STRONG IN THE LORD!  
Be strong in what kind of POWER? We are to be strong in  
the POWER OF HIS MIGHT - THE LORD'S MIGHT - NOT  
our own! And now let's READ ON to see HOW we can  
be STRONG in the Lord and in the power of HIS might!

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may  
be able to stand against the wiles of  
the devil."

WOW! God has some kind of **ARMOR** that  
He gives us to wear to PROTECT us! But no-  
tice that He tells us that WE must do something  
with this armor. WE MUST PUT IN ON!

Now that takes some EFFORT on our part!

God has GIVEN this armor to us; but He ex-  
pects US to put it on so we can use it! Remember! God has  
given us a FREE WILL to CHOOSE to obey Him! We must  
CHOOSE to put on the armor that God has FREELY GIVEN  
US! God says that His armor will give us POWER to do  
something! God's armor gives us the POWER to stand  
against the wiles of the devil! To STAND AGAINST is  
another way of saying **RESIST**.



God says that His armor will give us the POWER to RE-  
SIST the wiles of the devil! And just what are WILES?  
Wiles are TRICKS & SCHEMES TO TEMPT US TO DIS-  
OBEY GOD! Satan is the most INTELLIGENT CREA-  
TURE that God ever created! But even though Satan is a lot  
smarter than any of us, Satan is **NOT** smarter than GOD! So  
when WE use GOD'S armor, God says WE will be able to

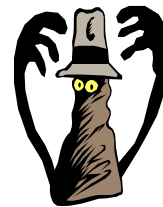
RESIST all Satan's sneaky TEMPTATIONS! And remember this: God's POWER & STRENGTH ARE THE GREATEST IN ALL THE UNIVERSE! His authority & strength even raised Jesus from the dead! And God says that that VERY SAME POWER is the power He uses to help us! In fact, the apostle Paul prayed that believers would get to know about that power. The apostle Paul prayed: "...that ye may know.... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (What kind of power does God have?)

Which he (God) wrought (worked) in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Ephesians 1:19-21 KJB

Imagine that! God wants His children to KNOW that the VERY SAME STRENGTH & AUTHORITY that rose Jesus from the dead & then put Jesus in the TOP SEAT OF AUTHORITY over ALL THINGS is the VERY SAME POWER that God uses TO HELP YOU! All we have to do is PUT ON HIS ARMOR OF PROTECTION! But, the question is, do you WANT God's help? If you do, then read on further with us in Ephesians 6:10-18 to see what the parts of God's armor are that give us POWER to be STRONG IN THE LORD & in the POWER OF HIS MIGHT to be able to RESIST temptations! First the Lord tells us more about WHY we need HIS HELP!

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood (that means people), but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this





world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

God says that we need His armor to PROTECT us because our problems are NOT really with other people. For example, it may seem to you that other PEOPLE or even YOUR-SELF are the ones tempting you to do wrong, or aggravating you in some way, but the truth is, is that all temptation is really Satan's ideas! And remember that God says that Satan has DECEIVED or TRICKED lots & lots of angels & people all during history! But if you are a child of God, you have God's TREASURE OF POWER right inside you! You DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID because God who is IN YOU with all His POWER, is GREATER than that old Satan & all his followers! God says so!

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1John 4:4 KJB

God says that His STRENGTH & AUTHORITY over even Satan is ready for you to use. We just need to KNOW what God says & BELIEVE HIM & TRUST HIM to do for us exactly what He says He will do when we simply do what He tells us to do in every situation!

Well, we've run OUT OF SPACE in this lesson, but we'll continue with Ephesians 6:10-18 in our Nov 11th lesson to find out what other parts of God's ARMOR of POWER is available to us when we are God's children! For now though we've learned that God has given ALL His children some ARMOR that has POWER to PROTECT THEM against all temptations! And here is what God says we must do with His armor:

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."



# GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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10:00 A.M.

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## Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

## Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

## Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

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### From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.



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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
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