

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses, read in order, are Jeremiah's revealing God's condemnation of the wicked.

"From the least to the greatest, everyone is making profit dishonestly. From prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely."

Jeremiah 8:10 (1 of 4 for Mar 1)

"They have treated superficially the brokenness of My dear people, claiming, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace."

Jeremiah 8:11 (2 of 4 for Mar 1)

"Were they ashamed when they acted so abhorrently? They weren't at all ashamed. They can no longer feel humiliation."

Jeremiah 8:12 (3 of 4 for Mar 1)

"Therefore, they will fall among the fallen. When I punish them, they will collapse, says Yahweh."

Jeremiah 8:12 (4 of 4 for Mar 1)

The Bible verses above are those selected for today for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

See also: CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org

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Additional Verses and Bible Study

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"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace.

You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

Jesus, quoted in John 16:33

PART 29

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COMMENTARY

He gives strength to the weary
and strengthens the powerless.
Youths may faint and grow weary,
and young men stumble and fall,
but those who trust in Yahweh
will renew their strength;
they will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary;
they will walk and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:29-31

Now the God of all grace, who called you
to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will
personally restore, establish, strengthen,
and support you after you have suffered
a little.

1 PETER 5:10

May you be strengthened with all power,
according to His glorious might, for all
endurance and patience, with joy giving
thanks to the Father, who has enabled
you to share in the saints' inheritance in
the light. He has rescued us from the
domain of darkness and transferred us
into the kingdom of the Son He loves.
We have redemption, the forgiveness of
sins, in Him.

COLOSSIANS 1:11-14

I pray that He may grant you, according
to the riches of His glory, to be
strengthened with power in the inner
man through His Spirit, and that the
Messiah may dwell in your hearts
through faith. I pray that you, being
rooted and firmly established in love,
may be able to comprehend with all the

How do we as Christians react when strife and sufferings come to us? What does God want us to know – and to do – when the forces around and inside of us start to beat us down?

We have often said that anything that is important for us to know in this life, which we would not be capable of discovering for ourselves, God has given us in Scripture. The above questions are no different.

The Psalms and Proverbs are of enormous help in our navigating this life, but when it comes to suffering, Isaiah 40 has it covered. In just 3 verses, he tells us what God can do for us when we are weak, powerless, and weary.

The strength of God is available to us if we trust in Him. Read the last three lines of the Isaiah passage at the top of the left column. This is what is possible for and promised to us.

Peter writes to his followers that it is through the grace ("unmerited pardon") of God that we are restored, established, and strengthened when we "have suffered a little."

Paul in Colossians gives the same message and blessing. It is through God's "glorious might" that we are "strengthened with all power," bringing us into the light and out of the darkness of sin and suffering.

Paul's similar wish to the church at Ephesus says he prays they may "be strengthened with power in the inner man through His Spirit." The root of these gifts, he says, is found in "the length and width, height and depth of God's love" which "surpasses knowledge." The enormity of the love of God will encompass us and strengthen us when we are met with affliction and pain.

Later in the same letter, Paul urges the Ephesians to "be strengthened by the Lord and by

saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

His vast strength." There is spiritual warfare going on in the physical realm. "Our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens." Regardless of the source or might of that which afflicts and persecutes us, God's strength is available and more than powerful enough for our salvation.

Once again, we learn the lesson that God provides for our salvation, not only in the forgiveness of our sins, but from the forces that bring suffering upon us in this world.

Every time we pray Christ's teaching prayer, we say, "Deliver us from evil." Do we really understand the depth and breadth of the evil we face, and from which we need deliverance?

Next time we pray that prayer, let us also ask God to keep us aware of what the evil is and its origin, so that we never make the mistake of giving into it.

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USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD IN THESE VERSES AND STUDIES

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה' (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. (Yahweh seems to be the most common transliteration of the name, but I have recently come across some very persuasive arguments that the name was originally Yehovah.)

I don't make this change for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won't be heard if I don't pronounce God's name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew context, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that "All Scripture is inspired by God," and so why wouldn't we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, "Yahweh" is probably our era's most commonly used equivalent.

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation."

Exodus 3:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable

*for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,
so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

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