

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

“His bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob.”

Genesis 49:24

That strength which God gives to his Josephs is *real* strength; it is not a boasted valour, a fiction, a thing of which men talk, but which ends in smoke; it is true—*divine strength*. Why does Joseph stand against temptation? Because God gives him aid. There is nought that we can do without the power of God. All true strength comes from “the mighty God of Jacob.” Notice in what a *blessedly familiar* way God gives this strength to Joseph—“The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob.” Thus God is represented as putting his hands on Joseph’s hands, placing his arms on Joseph’s arms. Like as a father teaches his children, so the Lord teaches them that fear him. He puts his arms upon them. Marvellous condescension! God Almighty, Eternal, Omnipotent, stoops from his throne and lays his hand upon the child’s hand, stretching his arm upon the arm of Joseph, that he may be made strong! This strength was also covenant strength, for it is ascribed to “the mighty God of Jacob.” Now, wherever you read of the *God of Jacob* in the Bible, you should remember the covenant with Jacob. Christians love to think of God’s covenant. All the power, all the grace, all the blessings, all the mercies, all the comforts, all the things we have, flow to us from the well-head, through the covenant. If there were no covenant, then we should fail indeed; for all grace proceeds from it, as light and heat from the sun. No angels ascend or descend, save upon that ladder which Jacob saw, at the top of which stood a covenant God. Christian, it may be that the archers have sorely grieved you, and shot at you, and wounded you, but still your bow abides in strength; be sure, then, to ascribe all the glory to Jacob’s God.

News Bites

Girls Fleeing Attacks Face Sexual Abuse

Girls escaping deadly anti-Christian violence in India's volatile state of Orissa face sexual abuse after human traffickers falsely promise them a better life. At least four girls have been trafficked to India's metropolis Delhi where they were "sold" to a placement agency. Two of them were rescued, one managed to return home herself, but at least one remains missing.

Mother of Four Murdered for her Faith

A mother of four was killed for her Christian faith on the outskirts of Mogadishu, Somalia by Islamic extremists from al Shabaab militia. The relative, who requested anonymity, said Asha Mberwa, 36, was killed in Warbhigly village; the Islamic extremists from the insurgent group had arrested her outside her house the previous day at 8:30 a.m. She died when the militants cut her throat in front of villagers who came out of their homes as witnesses. She is survived by her children – ages 12, 8, 6 and 4 – and her husband, who was not home at the time she was apprehended. They had married in 1993.

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Upcoming Things...

Men’s Conference - There is a Men’s Conference January 29th, 2011 in Las Cruces. The cost is free, please sign-up in the foyer.

Quotes

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”

-C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

“It is a destructive addition to add anything to Christ.”

-Richard Sibbes (1577-1635)

“I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need.”

C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)



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