

Isaiah 40:31

by Chuck Smith

The secret to overcoming weakness is waiting on the Lord, trusting in His power and direction to give us renewed strength.

Scripture: Psalm 27:14, Psalm 31:24, Isaiah 40:12-41, Matthew 11:28-30, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:13

Topics: "Waiting On The Lord", "God's Strength"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the theme of God's strength in Isaiah 40:31, addressing the reality of human weakness and the necessity of relying on God. He points out that everyone eventually faces moments of inadequacy and that true strength comes from waiting on the Lord rather than rushing into action. Smith encourages believers to trust in God's timing and power, assuring them that He will renew their strength and enable them to overcome life's burdens. The sermon highlights the importance of patience and faith in God's ability to empower us through our challenges.

Transcript

"GOD'S STRENGTH"

Intro: Isaiah called miniature Bible, 66 chapters, 66 books. 39 chapters

deal with old covenant. This is first chapter of new. Subject is God's greatness

and man's weakness.

I. THE ISSUE IS STRENGTH.

A. For those of you who are very strong, always able to cope and handle

every situation. I have nothing to say today.

1. You might just buy the tape and file it away for that future day.

2. Sooner or later, that day comes when one must confess, "I just can't do it."

B. This message for those who recognize their own inadequacies.

1. You who have been troubled with sin in your life.
 - a. In the hour of testing, you have been too weak to resist.
 - b. You fight against it, but you fail.
2. For you who have determined upon a course of action and commitment to God, but haven't been able to carry through.
 - a. You determined to pray more.
 - b. Or read the Word more.
 - c. Or to watch TV less.
3. Have faced or facing a problem that is too great for you. You sense that you don't have the strength to push it through.
4. Maybe life has become a burden too heavy to bear. You feel too tired to try to go on.

II. THE SECRET IS WAITING ON THE LORD.

- A. Much of our weakness comes from our impatience.
 1. Something must be done, so I start doing something.
 - a. I start moving things around, but I did it all wrong. Now I must redo it.
 - b. Let's say my wife has ordered new living room furniture. She's not home when delivered.
 2. We are often so anxious to get going. We start going in the wrong direction.
- B. I must wait on the Lord not only for direction, but the strength to implement.
 1. God will not require of me in task, but He will empower me to fulfill.
 - a. Many times people say, "I don't know how you can keep up with your schedule."
 - b. To me it's no problem for God gives the strength.
 - c. So often we look with awe at other people's coping power in

dire circumstances.

1. We think, "I could never do that."

2. Yes you could if He asked you to.

2. Never look at tomorrow's burdens with today's strength.

a. As thy day is, so shall thy strength be.

C. I must remember who it is that is strengthening me -"LORD."

1. Vs. 12 - Measured waters in palm of His hand. Meted out heaven with a span.

2. Vs. 15 - Nations like dust in balances.

3. Vs. 22.

4. Vs. 28.

III. THE EFFECT OF WAITING ON THE LORD.

A. "He will renew my strength."

1. I will mount up with wings as eagles.

2. I will run and not be weary.

3. I will walk and not faint.

For the everlasting God, Jehovah, the creator is my strength.

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