

Emphatic Language - three words for strength:

1. = dynamite, power
2. = force or might
- 3 = strength

B.T.U. theme for me.
"strengthened in the faith"

I. The NEED For Divine Strength.

1. Because of our task

2. Because of our enemies.

A. vs. 11, 12

B. Strength over enemies can be manifested in several different ways. Story of King of S. Sea Island - 1818, set a feast before his enemies. (Webb p. 170)

3. Because we must Grow:

A. Proud father anticipating growth baby son.

B. Growth must be preceded by birth.

C. Jesus is our standard of growth; little boy and Nov. of Texas.

D. Tragedy when Xtn does not grow. Story of old farmer who testified, "Well, I'm not making much progress, but I'm established." (Webb p. 148)

III. The Source of our Divine Strength

1. Communion with Christ

2. The indwelling Holy Spirit - like theistacles, the famous Athenian general, waiting the favorable wind, or instead of having 2 of his men at the oars, he could have all of his men in arms. (Webb p. 109)

3. The Power of Prayer -

the locomotive in Bolivia (Webb p. 137)

II (cont'd) - Source of Divine strength.

4. Nourishment from God's Word
5. Fellowships with the Lord's people
6. The Whole Armor of God. vs. 11-18

III. The Results of Divine Strength.

1. Able to stand defensively. vs. 11, 13, 14

2. Able to take the offensive for Christ
- A. Use of the Sword of the Spirit -
the Word of God. v. 17

In the past 150 yrs. 24 National Bib. Soc.
have distributed over 1,200,000,000 scriptures
in about 900 languages + dialects.
at least one book of the Bible has been
translated into 1,064 languages + dialects.
- And to think that just over 100 yrs. ago
Voltaire prophesied there would not be a copy
of the Bible on earth in 100 yrs!
The Geneva Bible Society is using the new
printing press on which his infamous
prophecy was issued!

- B. Effectiveness in Prayer. - v. 18
Psalm - "The Fool's Prayer" - (Webb. p. 141)

- C. Boldness in proclaiming the gospel. vs. 19, 20.
- Bourdaloue, court preacher to
Louis XIV, said, "your majesty must not
be angry, for in the pulpit I have no other
master than the King of Kings. (W.E. p. 275)