

HEART OF DAVID

Drawing Strength from God 7: Depending on a God of Power

Big picture:

- 1 Sam. 31 Saul and Jonathan are killed in a battle with the Philistines
- 2 Samuel 2 David is anointed King of Judah
- 2 Samuel 2 There is war between David's army and Saul's army
- 2 Samuel 3 The house of David (Judah) grows stronger. The house of Saul (Israel) grows weaker.
- 2 Samuel 5 David becomes king of Israel

2 Samuel 5:10 And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him. ESV

2 Samuel 5:10 David's power grew steadily, for the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him. NET

Lord God of Heaven's Armies

- He is the King.
- He is on mission.
- He is throwing all his resources at his mission.

2 Samuel 5:22-25 Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; ²³ so David inquired of the Lord, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. ²⁴ As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the Lord has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." ²⁵ So David did as the Lord commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer. NIV

Angel armies do some amazing things:

1 Samuel 17:45 Then David said to [Goliath], "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." ESV

Psalms 78:49 [During the Egyptian plagues,] he unleashed against them his hot anger, his wrath, indignation and hostility—a band of destroying angels.

2 Kings 6:15-17 When the servant of [Elisha,] the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, [the Aramean] army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil left [Jesus], and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 26:53 [Jesus said,] "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 13:49 [Jesus said,] "This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous."

Knowing that God is the God of Angel Armies reminds us that God's power is still at work (even though it may not always be how we expect it).

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. NIV

Acts 26:17-18 [The Lord said to Paul] "I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

Ephesians 1:18-20 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

2 Timothy 1:7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

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Ephesians 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. NIV

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. NIV

Knowing that God is the God of Angel Armies reminds us that we can be at peace, knowing that he will make things right in his own timing.

Genesis 18:25 [Abraham said to the Lord,] "Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" NIV

Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. NIV

Revelation 22:12 "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. NIV