

Strengthen Yourself in the LORD – pt. 2 “The POWER of the PROMISE”

**** There is POWER in the PROMISES of God.....

//→ Lam. 1:6-9

⁶ All the majesty of beautiful Jerusalem^[b] has been stripped away....They are too weak to run from the pursuing enemy.

⁷ In the midst of her sadness and wandering, Jerusalem remembers her ancient splendor. But now she has fallen to her enemy, and there is no one to help her. Her enemy struck her down and laughed as she fell.

⁸ Jerusalem has sinned greatly, so she has been tossed away like a filthy rag. All who once honored her now despise her, for they have seen her stripped naked and humiliated. All she can do is groan and hide her face.

⁹ She defiled herself with immorality and **DID NOT CONSIDER HER DESTINY**. Now she lies in the gutter with no one to lift her out.

“Lord, see my misery,” she cries. “The enemy has triumphed.”

¹⁰ The enemy has plundered her completely, taking every precious thing she owns.

///→ In order to Strengthen Ourselves in the Lord, we MUST stay CONNECTED to the PROMISES of God.

2 Cor 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.....

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now, ALL things are *of* God and *from* God..

//→ GOD gives us PROMISES to DRAW and INVITE us INTO our FUTURE.

//→ SO, **OUR** RESPONSIBILITY is to **PRIME** the **PROMISES** of the **LORD** (**TAKE** it and **RUN** with it)

Luke 2:19

¹⁹ But Mary took all these things and pondered them in her heart.

HOW to draw STRENGTH from Gods PROMISES:

1. OUR job is not to MAKE the Promises of God happen
2. OUR job is to let the Promises of God MOLD us, so WE can BECOME people that ANTICIPATE the Fulfillment of what God has Declared over our lives

(HOW to draw STRENGTH from Gods PROMISES)

3. PONDERING, MEDITATING and SPEAKING Gods WORDS and His PROMISES - **ANCHORS** our **SOULS** **INTO** them.

/'→ One of the most DANGEROUS things we can do is to think of ourselves DIFFERENTLY than GOD does.

/'→ WE have been DESIGNED to Step into Fulfilled Promises.

/'→ WE DREAM because of Gods Nature. God's Nature is that HE is a REWARDER of those who SEEK Him.

/'→ He is a FATHER who LOVES to REWARD His Children.

/'→ It's a PERFECT MARRIAGE. A DREAMER & A REWARDER.

/'→ SO, HOW do we get from the DREAM to the REWARD? By

1. DISCOVERING the Promise
2. STEWARDING the Promise
3. Being SHAPED by the Promise, so that we can
4. STEP INTO the Promise

//--→ The GOODNESS of GOD is the CORNERSTONE of ALL THEOLOGY.