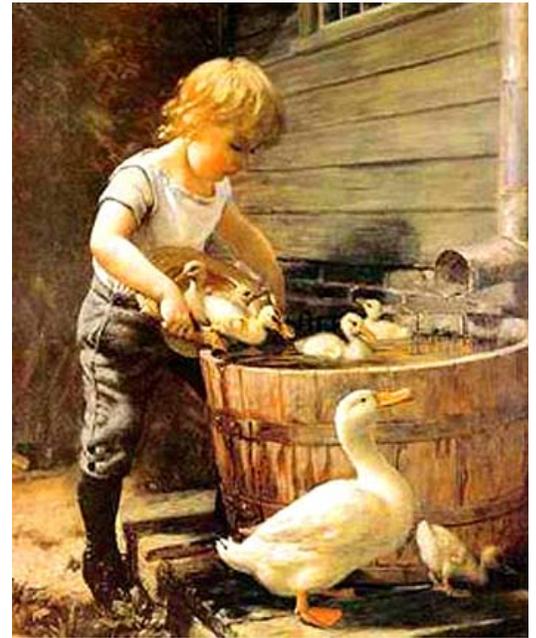


*"And He said unto me, 'My Grace is Sufficient for thee: for **My Strength Is Made Perfect In Weakness.**' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the Power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9no1 KJV*

There is no greater evidence of God's existence than the Strength He manifests through our weaknesses. When we are at the lowest ebbs of our abilities God can work through us in powerful ways incomprehensible to men! There have been numerous occasions when a Godly saint lay dying or sickly that God chose to work miracles in the lives of others. When we are strong, God cannot get the Glory, but when we are weak it all belongs to Him! As the prophet quoted God, "My Glory I will not give to another!" He delights in manifesting Himself in the presence of our infirmities, and when He does, it reinforces our faith. Every time you think, "I can't do this!" you must also think, "but God can!" and when He does, you will know that He exists, that He Loves you, and will never forsake you! It is no strange thing that the Master chooses to show His Power



against the backdrop of our failings. But on the other hand, we must be willing like Job to say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Gemstones are best displayed against black velvet in a strong light. We are God's gemstones, reflecting God's Light! "Ye also, as Lively Stones, are built up a Spiritual House, an Holy Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Sion a Chief Corner Stone, Elect, Precious:' and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see Him as He is." When the circumstances of our lives are darkest, God sustains us. Only the fallen need picking up. Only the sinner needs saving. Only the lost need finding. Only the cripples need healing. As the apostle stated, "Therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the Power of Christ may rest upon me." When we're at our worst He's at His Best. We must always be prepared to give God the Glory due to Him. We must always return thanks, and not be like the nine that Christ inquired about from the one that did return to thank Him: "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" We so often fail to give God thanks for the small daily victories we achieve. If you were lying on a sickbed, you could not do anything! Who do you thank for your health? For your abilities? For your provision? For your DOING? If the world perceives us as weak, then, when God enables our efforts, His miraculous Power is known and the world will stand dumbfounded before Him! Always be careful to channel any praise given to you forward to God!

When tide of life is ebbing low,  
The faithful saint begins to know,  
Their weakest moments are the glow,  
Of God's own power here below. -CGP

As a believer, if I have overcome any obstacle in life, it is a direct manifestation of God's Sufficient Strength. I'll always have just enough. God measures everything perfectly. The Lord told Paul, "My Grace is sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul concluded, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the Power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." The Psalmist wrote, "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want." We must expect great things from our great God! When it seems we have nothing left, look for the Hand of God. He's never is before His time and never is behind! "Jesus loves me; this, I know...little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong."

*"In every thing give thanks: for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV*