

Psalms 68:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God,
that which thou hast wrought for us.

Analysis

The prayer 'Thy God hath commanded thy strength' acknowledges that all power comes from divine command, not human ability. 'Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us' recognizes God as both initiator and sustainer of His work. Believers cannot maintain what God begins—ongoing divine power is necessary. This anticipates Paul's teaching that God both begins and completes His work in believers (Philippians 1:6).

Historical Context

Israel's existence and victories depended entirely on God's power, not their military might. Recognizing this dependence prevented prideful self-reliance and maintained humble trust in God's provision.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What spiritual work has God begun in you that requires His ongoing strength to complete?

2. How do you distinguish between self-effort and Spirit-empowered service?
3. In what areas are you tempted to rely on human strength rather than God's commanded power?

Interlinear Text

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thou hast wrought					
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 138:8 (Parallel theme): The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalms 71:3 (Parallel theme): Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

Psalms 42:8 (References God): Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Isaiah 40:31 (Parallel theme): But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Philippians 1:6 (Parallel theme): Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (References God): Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

Psalms 44:4 (References God): Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

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