

KINGDOMS KEYS...POWER IN WEAKNESS!



1 CORINTHIANS 1 VERSE 28-31

Glory Only in the Lord...No Flesh shall Glory!!!

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called.*

27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

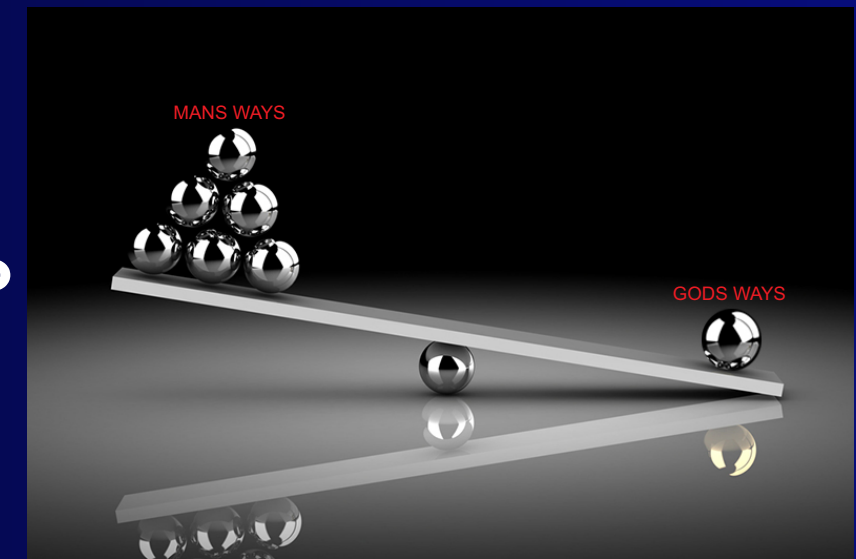
28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

THE MIND OF MAN VERSUS THE MIND OF CHRIST!



**GODS WAYS ARE OPPOSITE
TO THE WORLDS**

RECEIVE THE KINGDOM AS A LITTLE CHILD

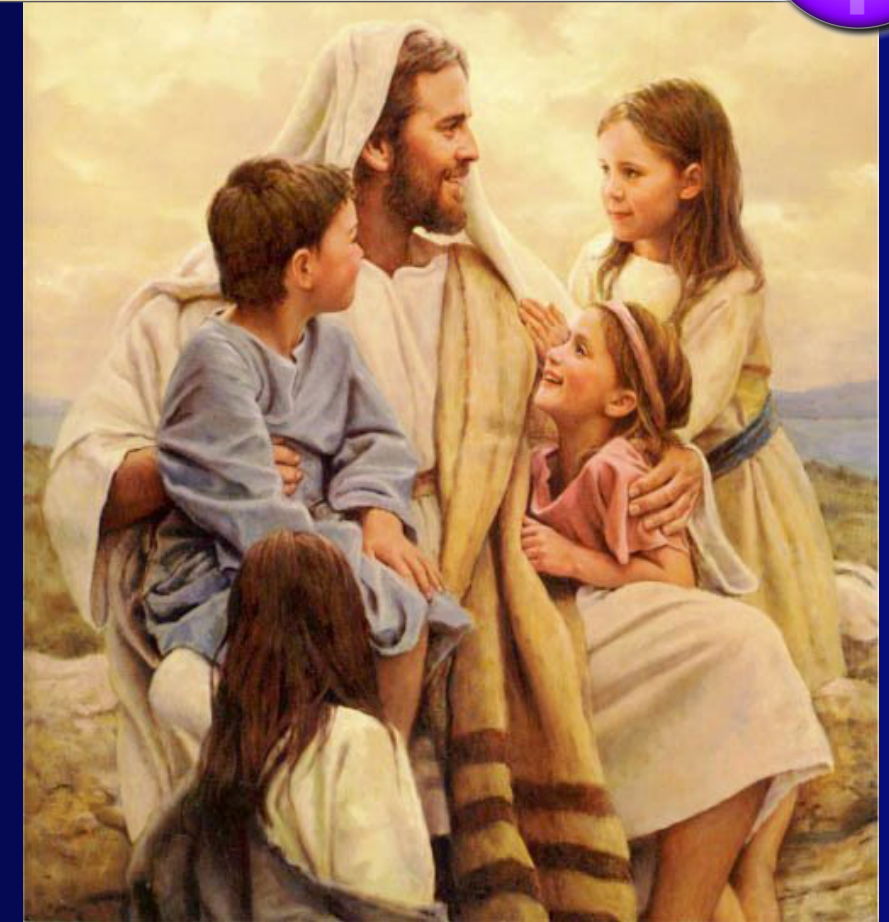


MARK 10 VERSE 14-16

14 But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

16 And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.



WE MUST BECOME CHILDREN...AS CHILDREN TRUST A FATHER WE ALSO MUST LEARN TO TRUST OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. LIVING BY FAITH AND NOT DOUBTING. WE MUST STOP BEING WISE IN THE WORLDS WAYS BUT BE TEACHABLE AS LITTLE CHILDREN. WE MUST STOP BEING SELF SUFFICIENT AND LEARN TO BECOME GOD DEPENDANT.

OUR ATTITUDE MUST BE AS LITTLE CHILD



MATHEW 18 VERSES 3-4

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.



The kingdom is revealed to Babes!!



LUKE 10 VERSES 21-24

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.** Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*"

23 Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see;

24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it*, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *it.*"



His Strength is made perfect in our Weakness



2 CORINTHIANS 12 VERSES 7-10

The Thorn in the Flesh

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my **WEAKNESS**, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



WEAKNESS NOT INFIRMITY



2 CORINTHIANS 13 V.3-4

3 since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

4 For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

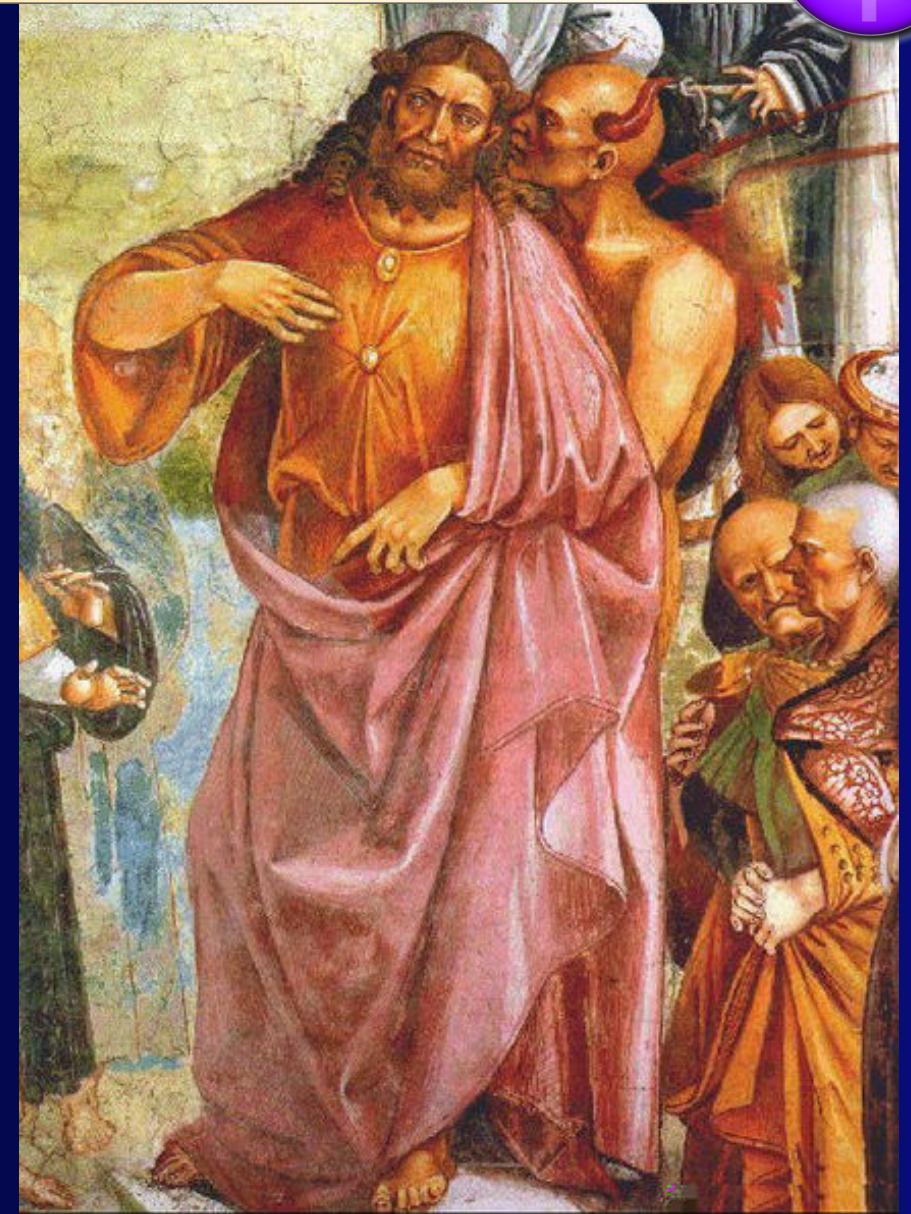
STOP TRYING TO SAVE YOURSELVES IN YOUR OWN POWER EVEN BY GOING UNDER THE LAW!

2 CORINTHIANS 11 V.28-30

28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. **29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn *with indignation*?

**anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.*

30 If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my ~~infirmity.~~ **THE WORD IS WEAKNESS!**



WEAKNESS NOT INFIRMITY



2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10 (Paul)

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord three times, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness¹. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities¹, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities¹, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak², then I am strong.

Note: The word translated infirmities¹, and weakness¹ (v9), and infirmities¹ (v10), are all different forms of the same Greek noun ἀσθένεια (Gtr. astheneia), which can refer to weakness or infirmity, both physical and spiritual, depending upon the context. It is translated using the sense of "infirmity" (17 times), weakness" (5x), "sickness" (1x), and "diseases" (1x). In some cases when translated "infirmities" it should be taken as "weakness", or at least understood in a spiritual sense ([Romans 6:19](#); [8:26](#); [2 Corinthians 11:30](#); [12:5](#); [12:9](#); [12:10](#); [Galatians 4:13](#); [Hebrews 7:28](#) etc.). The word translated I am weak² (Gr. ἀσθενῶ, Gtr. asthenō) is the verb which corresponds with the noun "astheneia", and can also refer to weakness or sickness, again depending on the context. The question is, "What do they refer to in this context?" There are certain words which we would naturally contrast together: large and small, good and evil, light and dark etc. Here in these two verses, the word "astheneia" is contrasted with "strength" (Gtr. dunamis), which also means "power", while the word "asthenō" is contrasted with "strong" (Gtr. dunatos), which also means "mighty" or "powerful". So in both of these cases the translations "weakness" and "weak" are perfectly good; but we couldn't contrast "strength" with "sickness" or "disease" could we? We would have to contrast "sickness" or "disease" with "health". So what does it mean where it is translated "infirmities" (vv 9,10)? Considering that it is all the same context, it ought really to be translated "weaknesses" to be consistent. His weakness was his inability, of his own self, to cope with the physical consequences () which came upon him "in reproaches, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake:" (v10). He needed the grace of God to help him. Notice how he put it to the Galatians:

(Galatians 4:13) "You know that how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel to you at first."

What "infirmity of the flesh" did Paul preach the gospel through? Not sickness, he preached through the consequences of "reproaches", "persecutions", and "distresses for Christ's sake:" (v10), and that is what his "thorn" was, people who were inspired by "the messenger of Satan", persecuting and reproaching him.

HIS STRENGTH THROUGH OUR WEAKNESS



2 Corinthians 4 New King James Version (NKJV)

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Cast Down but Unconquered

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

John 3:30-35 King James Version (KJV)

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

