

Monthly Memory Verse - October 2010



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Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,

Dale ☺

Dale A. Kaye

Message:

Creating the Men's Monthly Memory Verse publication is a great joy to me. Looking back over the last year how the Lord has carried me, it's absolutely amazing! When starting this ministry in 2009, there was no publication format, no bible verse, nothing; just the thought and out of God's great grace something happened. The bible verse came and the rag tag Dale's Notes with no format, then the Quick Bio-Glance was added and a new format for the study notes came. Nothing stopped; the Lord moved ahead, carrying me to leverage built-in features within our publication software (*Displays the scripture passage for the monthly verse selected*) and before I knew it, the theology term was added along with the ending prayer to each study. Wow! Now if that wasn't enough, at the time, I was between contracts when our Lord Jesus Christ, established the online publication of the Men's Monthly Memory Verse to be hosted by the STBA - South Texas Baptist Association. The email contact list grew, which are some of the readers and what started with five men in Spring Texas, the Lord gave increased exposure overseas to France, Spain, Norway, North Korea, Africa (Cote D'Ivoire, Nigeria, Benin) and others through the visitors of STBA site. I'm so grateful and humbled to be blessed by you and your support to do anything for our Lord! Thank you and God bless you as we move forward for Jesus Christ.

Prayer request:

Please continue to pray with me in asking God to help provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way through email and site hosting. Please, remember my family that we honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and live for his glory.

Thank you,

Dale

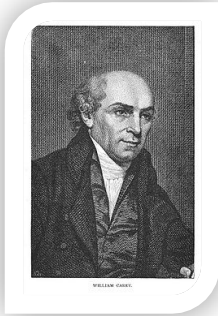
Quick Bio-glance

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William Carey

17 August 1761 – 9 June 1834



William Carey, the eldest of five children, was born to Edmund and Elizabeth Carey, who were weavers by trade in the village of Paulerspury in Northamptonshire. William was raised in the Church of England; when he was six, his father was appointed the parish clerk and village schoolmaster. As a child he was naturally inquisitive and keenly interested in the natural sciences, particularly botany. He possessed a natural gift for language, teaching himself Latin. At the age of 14, Carey's father apprenticed him to a shoemaker Clarke Nichols in the nearby village of Hackleton, Northamptonshire. Cary while serving apprenticeship with Nichols was influenced and would eventually leave the Church of England and join a small Congregational church in Hackleton. During this time Cary also taught himself Greek with the help of a local villager who had a college education.

In 1779 Nichols died and William Carey went to work for another shoemaker Thomas Old, Carey married Old's sister-in-law Dorothy Plackett in 1781 of whom he had 7 children, five sons and two daughters which died at infancy. Thomas Old died soon after Carey took over his business, during which time he taught himself Hebrew, Italian, Dutch, and French, often reading while working on his shoes.

After a time and change of events William Carey was baptized and became a Baptist school master and a pastor where he read Jonathan Edwards' *Account of the Life of the Late Rev. David Brainerd* and the journals of the explorer James Cook, and became deeply concerned with propagating the Christian Gospel throughout the world. With burden in 1793 set sail with some of his family becoming missionaries to India learning the Bengali language to communicate with the natives.

Carey, while in India worked as plant manager and bought a larger home and the missionary society had begun sending more missionaries to India. John Fountain, who arrived in Midnapur and began teaching school. He was followed by William Ward, a printer; Joshua Marshman, a schoolteacher; David Brunsdon, one of Marshman's students; and William Grant, who died three weeks after his arrival. Because the East India Company was still hostile to missionaries, they settled in the Danish colony at Serampore and were joined there by Carey on 10 January 1800.

Bill Ragle – Point of interest

William Carey is known as the "Father of Modern Missions". His vision and passion to see the Gospel "preached to the Heathen" was the impulse that led to the formation of The Particular Baptist Society For The Propagation of the Gospel Amongst the Heathen" in 1792. He also became the society's first missionary, leaving his native England in 1793, never to return. Sustained by confidence in the absolute sovereignty of God, Cary labored to translate the Scripture into dozens of languages. He waited seven years before seeing the first true convert to Christ. At his instruction, the following epithet was carved into his gravestone. "A wretched, poor, helpless worm, on Thy kind arms I fall". [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Carey_\(missionary\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Carey_(missionary))

Quick Bio-glance

Theology term:

Soteriology

Soteriology is from two Greek word [sozo] meaning Save, and [logos] meaning word. By extension the word or discourse of Salvation. It is the doctrine of the study of God's work in Salvation. How through the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, man's redemption is accomplished.

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/fag/glossary.html#soteriology>

Memory verse for the month: October 2010 (KJV)

Dale's Notes

Read: Ephesians 6:10 (KJV)

October - Part I

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Paul's Imprisonment letters and the word finally

Let's give some background on our beloved apostle Paul, like where he is when writing this epistle to the Ephesians. You can read Paul's ministry to Ephesus, it's recorded in Acts 18:18-21; 19:1-41; 20:17-38. It's my understanding the letter was dispatched from the apostle while imprisoned in Rome. Also, it's known and considered solid historical view the letters to Colossians, Philemon and Philippians (*There is a controversy over place as to where Philippians written: Ephesus (ca. 54-55 AD), Caesarea (57-59 AD), and Rome (60-62 AD), the traditional view.*) all were dispatched while Paul was imprisoned and these letters along with Ephesians are called the imprisonment letters (*This makes me wonder what I would do in prison or house arrest, under the same condition as this brother. Would I pursue the Lord actively serving Him [Jesus Christ our savior] through the bars for others? I fear, I have a big mouth but under the pressure of suffering I just might not stand, hmmm. I'm going to talk about that a little later.*) He was in prison, my brothers, for the gospel of Jesus Christ not for a crime committed against humanity (*Acts 18:14-16 – Gallio said he did no wrong and as to how he was imprisoned in Rome you have to read the rest of Paul's journeys to Jerusalem then to Felix the governor*)! He [Paul] was under house arrest, under guard, restricted as to his person but definitely not restricted when it came to Jesus Christ working through the Gospel and His Church!

Most agree the letter was released around AD 62 from Rome, and sent with the letters to the Colossians and Philemon. The Letter to Ephesus was a circular letter to be read and shared by other churches within the province of Asia.

“Finally...”

The use of the term “finally” in our verse is a familiar saying with Paul, expressing final instruction or closing admonishment as he does in other epistles. In the King James version Paul uses the word 5 times 2Co 13:11, Eph 6:10, Php 3:1, Php 4:8 and 2 Th 3:1, only the ISV adds 1Co 15:8 (*all others use the words “And last of all”*) so the use of the word is six times by our apostle because the words “and last of all” (*Grk: deh eskhatos pas*) – could mean in English simply “finally”.

The word “Finally” is interesting, the intent of the word or saying is announcement of conclusion to a subject or topics and so it's used here but also the word “finally” could be used to say “henceforth” meaning “from now on”, “going forward” or “hereafter” showing a moving forward as Paul does in giving a command to his brothers in the Lord to be strong.

Thayer Greek Definitions

λοιπόν - loipon

1) remaining, the rest

1a) hereafter, for the future, henceforth

1b) at last, already

1c) for the rest, besides, moreover

Part of Speech: adverb

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

G3063 - λοιπόν - loipon

loy-pon'

Neuter singular of the same as [G3062](#); something *remaining* (adverb): - besides, finally, furthermore, (from) henceforth, moreover, now, + it remaineth, then.

In reading the passage and coming upon the verse I find it brings me to attention: it stands out like saying listen up! When the beloved Paul pronounces the words in our verse they are with great concern for the welfare of his brethren and the warfare they're engaged in. He [Paul] begins the verse with "**Finally, [my brethren]**" *Grk: moo adelfos* - the word "my or in Greek moo" shows ownership, belonging to, and the Greek word "adelfos" can mean, born of the same womb, brothers literal! Wow! Don't you see the passion, the intensity, the grace and love here? When he closes the letter, Paul pours his heart over them to encapsulate everything told them throughout the epistle, so they're equipped for the warfare and their life in Christ to the glory of God. Finally, my brothers – be strong in the Lord and the power of His mighty! See, it does have affection, emotion and soberness; this is love at work within the apostle of Jesus Christ on your behalf and mine but in this case to the Ephesians and others that were to read the letter. Let it sink in for a moment. Yes, it's to them [the Ephesians] some two thousand years ago but it's God's word to you through Jesus Christ by Paul the apostle. Nothing has changed with regards to our success in Christ in this world. You and I fight the same battles, same heartaches, same troubles, same sins like Paul told them in 1Co 10:13.

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1Co 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Here we see there is nothing new under the sun with regards to man's temptation and their obedience. All of it is common, known to man, experience by man but God will not allow a single temptation that you cannot bear and this includes the warfare and the welfare of His [God's] children's experiences now through Christ Jesus. Paul pushes forward with his brethren in the faith and tells them to be strong in the Lord. Yes, be strong in the Lord, not weak and fearful but strong and confident!

Just like Joshua and the children of Israel, when they were to go in and possess the land of promise, God personally tells Joshua to be strong and of good courage and clarifies the meaning; it's through obedience to the Word of God for good success (*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success!*)

Jos 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

Jos 1:6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

Jos 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

Jos 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Jos 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

To be strong in something you have to be in it! So is it here, Paul connects their [the Brethren] success with the Lord himself to do all he just admonished them throughout the letter! You must be in the Lord, you must be of the

Lord and you must be with the Lord to be strong! Have you not read the scriptures regarding our strength; we can do nothing apart from the Lord.

(ESV)

Joh 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

So we find it's a spiritual strength provided to be strong in the Lord because of him who now live in them. The words "the power of His might" speaks directly of the Lord's strength being supplied. Don't misunderstand our responsibility to be effectively working with the Lord in his purpose for you through obedience but on other-hand don't be ignorant of the Lord who grants His grace and strengthens us to succeed in all things, so, be strong in the Lord and the power of His Might!

(ESV) **Php 4:13** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Are you overwhelmed with life's circumstances? Maybe you can't seem to make it and the battles of life in front of you are too large for your success? Remember the words of our beloved apostle Paul.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and the power of His might. Just what is the might of our God? What is it that he cannot do? As it say in the scripture: if he spared not his only son how shall he not give you all things freely!

(LITV) **Rom 8:32** Truly *He* who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up on behalf of us all, how will He not freely give all things to us with Him?

Do you see this instruction push back the troubles of life for the child of God and puts their hope in the one who has the strength and might to overcome every situation in life and live it to the glory of God! It gives you a simple reason for being strong in the Lord because it's through God's might you will prevail.

Remember:

(ESV) **Isa 12:2** "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Prayer

O' Gracious Father in Heaven, spread your wings over us and carries us in your strength until we are at home with you. Make that which is weak and out of the way in us be turned back and strengthened for your glory. Bring peace where there is trouble but if not, grant grace to endure the trial. Fill our hearts with your love for your son Jesus Christ our savior. Place him at the forefront of our minds and Hearts, so our thinking is changed in our daily lives and give us committed hearts to your wonderful truth, so you see what is pleasing in your sight. Amen

October - Part II

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Be strong in the Lord, and the power of his might!

You see, the apostle Paul wants his readers / hearers to understand how to live out the Christian life in the strength and power of His Lord; and to live out that life one must be strong in his Lord, and the power of His might. One must be in the Lord (*Grk. "Kurios"*)! Paul already has laid out for his readers who and what they are in Christ, so it's with this understanding they know the Lord. There is no ambiguity as to who the Lord is and the greatness of His might because he [Paul] expresses it to them from the very beginning of the letter within his salutation.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Eph 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Eph 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

These saints already know the Lord because he [Paul] calls them "...faithful in Christ Jesus:" in verse one. We also understand by verse 2 Paul extends the grace and peace of God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ to them, using the authoritative name "the Lord Jesus Christ". Clearly showing what Lord! Also, Paul clearly identifies himself with them at Ephesus in using the collective pronoun "our" as in (Eph 1:2 "God our Father" and Eph 1:3 "our Lord Jesus Christ") showing they are united having the same heavenly blessing.

Just like he [Paul] expounds later in the letter; they share in having same faith, having the same God, having the same Lord, having the same Spirit and having the same church!

Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Paul wants them to know, it's this Lord we are to be strong in and the power of His might! Why does one want to be strong in the Lord, and the power of his might? Hmmm! This is not up for us to guess, we are to know why? Paul already admonished them in (*Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*) but there is more to it. Lets read:

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Now that is a mouthful, but simply put God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the maturing of the saints, for the work of the ministry, edifying the church of Christ; why? Read verse Eph 4:13. It is God's desire that we become "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"! We could go further but we don't have time.

Is your desire to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might the same reason God is working in you, to make you into the image of his dearly beloved Son? Do you see, we wrestle and fight and put off things and put on things so that in everything God is glorified in us, so other may see Christ in us and we in him.

We are followers / imitators of God as dear children showing and sharing the same character which is in Jesus Christ, until we come to the fullness of Christ!

Application

I think some of us have the armor of God on by abundance, meaning we have the tools, the bible, and we know what to do but we are simply not engaged in the battle to stand for the glory of God. We are selfish, self driven, and our goals don't match the goal of our savior to form us into the fullness of Christ. We have forgotten the call of him [Christ], who called us to his service, his ministry in the church.

Maybe you are walking in love, speaking the truth emulating God in your daily walk before him but you are tired or you don't think you can be successful at what God has call you too. Keep the faith and be strong in the Lord, and the power of His Might. He will see you through. God is Faithful not to give you more then you can handle, be faithful as he is faithful to you.

Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven hollow be the name, Thine Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Gracious Lord strengthen me for today that I may be perfect in walking upright before you. Lord grant me grace to live out Jesus Christ and the maturity which comes by you alone. Forgive my sinfulness because you are holy and fearful and put into my mouth truthfulness and remove all lying far from within me.