



Clothed with Strength - The Apparel of the Spirit

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Proverbs 31:17, 25 *She girds herself with STRENGTH STRENGTH and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future.*

I. Introduction

A. What the clothing is not

This clothing is obviously not a _____ breastplate of scale-armor on the torso and greaves on the shins.

The OT uses the Hebrew for strength 92 times; we'll look only at the occurrences of the noun $\text{oze } \text{זֶרַח}$

B. What clothing is

The purpose of the Christian woman's clothing is to _____, to _____ and to _____ who she is.

In clothing herself, the godly woman's attention cannot merely be on the _____, what she puts on, but her attention must also be on the _____.

1 Peter 3:1a,3-4, 6 refers to the _____, internal adornment of the godly woman.

The godly woman is to be clothed _____ with _____.

II. What is the strength of the godly woman?

A. Does anyone in the OT define what this strength is?

Moses – Exodus 15:2 “The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.”

David – Psalm 28:7-8

Psalm 118:14

B. Where does her strength come from?

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

“Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid: for the LORD GOD is my strength and song and He has become my salvation.” Isaiah 12:2

The strength of the godly woman is the _____
_____.! Her strength comes from _____ and
it enables her mind to be _____ and _____.

III. How does the godly woman gird herself with strength?

A. How does the godly woman get strength?

Hannah – I Samuel 2:10

David – Psalm 29:11

The Lord, who is the godly woman's strength, has to
_____ to her!

B. How does the Lord give the godly woman strength?

_____ it. I Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 105:4

In His _____ or _____
I Chronicles 16:27; Psalm 96:6

*Seek the Lord, your strength, in His place where you
_____ Him _____ !*

“ _____ Him.” Job 12:16

“ _____ Your sanctuary.” Psalm 68:35

Make your _____ a sanctuary for Him. I Peter 3:15

*The godly woman's strength is found in God's _____.
The godly woman clothes herself with strength by
_____ it in _____ !*

IV. What is the result of being clothed with strength?

A. _____ Exodus 15:13

B. Ability to _____ and _____
and be steadfast. Psalm 59:9

She will not be like a city without walls like one with
no control over her spirit. Proverbs 25:28

God will clothe her with the spirit of _____ and
love and _____ / _____ II Timothy 1:7

C. Ability to _____ Psalm 59:16
Psalm 28:7b “*With my song I shall thank Him.*”

D. _____ Psalm 84:5-6

E. _____ Psalm 21:1
I Chronicles 16:27; Psalm 81:1

Proverbs 31:25b “*And she _____ at the future.*”
 (“*She shall _____ in time to come!*” KJV)

F. _____ and _____ Psalm 28:7a

*The godly woman should _____ to be
clothed inwardly with strength.*

Psalm 86:16 “*Turn to me and be gracious to me;
Oh grant Your strength to Your servant.*”

Psalm 138:3 “*On the day I called, YOU ANSWERED me;
you made me bold with strength in my soul!*”

Colossians 1:11 “*Strengthened with all power . . .*”

Concentrate on the Hidden Man of the Heart!!

*Purity and Modesty, Mentoring of others,
and Strength and Dignity all begin internally!!
They are inward before they are demonstrated outwardly.*