

THE I AM IS MY STRENGTH

Rev 1:17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Ex 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

REVIEW MY JOY:

Hebrews 12:2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

1. WATCH JESUS DISREGARD SHAME

THE CROSS WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT AND AN INDICTMENT

MATT 27.43 *"HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"*

2. WATCH JESUS ENDURE THE CROSS Ex. 15.22

THE CROSS WAS A BRIDGE TO THE OTHER SIDE

3. WATCH JESUS FOCUS ON WHATS AHEAD

STORY: *Peter walks on water until*

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Ps 28:6 Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplication. 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him. 8 The LORD is their strength, And He is a saving defense to His anointed. 9 Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; Be their shepherd also, and carry them forever.

1. THE LORD IS THE SOURCE OF MY STRENGTH!

Ps 121:1 I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? 2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.

My STRENGTH doesn't come from MYSELF

My STRENGTH doesn't come from MAN

My STRENGTH doesn't come from the MASSES

Ps 121:5 The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. 8 The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

2 THE LORD IS MY SHIELD

HES NOT ONLY THE STRENGTH INSIDE ME BUT HE IS THE STRENGTH THAT SURROUNDS ME. HE STOPS ATTACKS AGAINST ME!

7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.

My SHIELD is up at all TIMES

My SHIELD cannot be TAKEN

My SHIELD can be TRUSTED

Ps 3:1 O LORD, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me. 2 Many are saying of my soul, "There is no deliverance for him in God." Selah. 3 But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head.

3. THE LORD IS THE DEFENSE OF HIS PEOPLE

The LORD is their strength, And He is a saving defense to His anointed. 9 Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; Be their shepherd also, and carry them forever.

YOUR DEFENSE CANNOT BE DEFEATED

Ps 91:4 He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. 5 You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day; 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. 7 A thousand may fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, But it shall not approach you.

YOUR WEAPONS PREVAIL OVER ALL OTHERS

NOTES: "No weapon forged will prosper...." Is. 54.17

GOD WILL SUSTAIN US AS WE WAIT UPON HIM

Ps 33:20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we trust in His holy name.
22 Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, According as we have hoped in You.