

True Strength Is Brokenness
1 Kings 8:22-40, Pew Bible p. 288
March 5, 2023

I. The Strength of God (V. 22-26)

A. True strength is not realizing how strong we are, but acknowledging how strong God is.

1. He is the only one.
2. What He says, He does.

II. The Need of Man (V. 27-40)

A. True strength is not in what we give to God for an award, but in what we receive from God for our brokenness.

B. True strength is not in how much we have done for God, but in how much we have been forgiven by God.

C. Implications for the church today:

1. The church is only the church if God is there listening.
2. The church is only the church if it is a place for sinners to be reconciled to God.
3. The church is only the church if it helps people live a changed life.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Kings 8:22-40.
2. In what ways is there no God like the Lord, as verse 23 says? Why are there so many gods in this world if none of them are as good as the one true God?
3. How does the house of God help us remember what God has done for us, as it did Solomon in verses 23-26? What great thing about God have you been remembering recently?
4. How important is it for God to listen to prayers in His house, according to verse 28? What are some of the most powerful moments in your life when you prayed and felt God heard you? How did you know?
5. What is the relationship between the house of God and people getting forgiveness of sins, according to verses 30-40? Why is that relationship important? What would happen to a church if that relationship was lost?
6. How important is it for people to come to church broken by their sin, according to this passage? Have you ever come to church broken by your sin? What did God do as a result?
7. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

Church Bible Reading Plan

2 Chronicles 7-9

March Memory Verses: 2 Chronicles 6:18-21

Psalm 143:1-6

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ² Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. ³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. ⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. ⁶ I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING through Psalm 14, praising God for seeing everything that is done.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
Glendale, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Marge D. (son, Matthew); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Rezwana D. (parents); Charity M. (daughter);
and Sharon L. (sons)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gertrude A. (granddaughter); Family of John E.; Debbie & John P. (her brother);
Carolyn & Billy H. (her father); Celeste E. (grandmother); Anne W.-B. (son);
Del & Laura M. (his mother): and Family of Louise R.
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (health issues); Mimi M. (health issues);
Ann C.-W. (health issues); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues);
Michelle LaM. (health issues); Debbie P. (health issues); Kaitlyn D. (pregnancy concerns);
Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); Laura M. (health issues); Gary C. (recovering at home);
Mike P. (in hospital); Marge D. (health issues); and Butch L. (leg infection)
- Others that you are aware of