

The God Who Supplies Strength

I. Introduction

- A. The faithful Christian has reason for encouragement because of who God is and what He supplies. **Ephesians 6:10; Hymns for Worship, Song 231**
- B. Consider six truths about God that give His children reason to “take heart.”

II. ...Sees All

- A. Scripture shows us that God is all-seeing. While the impossibility of hiding from God is cause for the unrighteous to tremble, it gives the righteous reason for comfort. **Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 15:3**
- B. Regardless of what another person sees in us, God knows when we are doing what’s right. He’s aware of all we do and all we face. **Revelation 2:9**

III. ...Is Just

- A. God is also perfectly just. It’s not within His character to simply ignore the sin of the unrighteous that He sees. This, again, should prompt reflection and repentance for the unrighteous. **Acts 17:31**
- B. For the righteous, though, God’s justness is a source of comfort and encouragement. **Hebrews 6:10**

IV. ...Understands Fully

- A. God is also described as wise. **1 Timothy 1:17**
- B. In His perfect wisdom, God not only sees all, but He also perfectly understands. This is particularly encouraging in its application to His answering of prayer. **2 Corinthians 12:8-9**
- C. It’s also encouraging to consider God’s wisdom as we study the Word. It’s a comfort to know that our all-wise God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. **Psalms 23:2-3**

V. ...Cares Deeply

- A. God’s children also have reason for comfort in the knowledge that God *cares*. God’s care for us has been shown, first of all, by sending His Son. His care is also manifested in His willingness to allow us to approach Him in prayer. **1 Peter 5:7; Hymns for Worship, Songs 450, 466**
- B. The faithful Christian can take heart in the knowledge that God is approachable anytime, from anywhere, through prayer. **Ephesians 6:18**

VI. ...Prefers to Bless

- A. Those who have a sincere desire to do what’s right also have reason for comfort in the knowledge that God *prefers* to bless us. We know He won’t force us to obey Him, but His eagerness for us to receive His blessings gives encouragement for the righteous to pursue Him. **1 Timothy 1:15-16; 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9**

VII. ...Can Be Trusted

- A. God’s character is also such that He can be trusted. We can have faith in Him because *He* is faithful. For instance, God’s children can know that we will always have a way of escape available with every temptation, because “God is faithful.” **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- B. The assurance that all things ultimately work together for good for those who love God is likewise grounded in God’s faithfulness. Because God cannot lie, we can have full confidence that everything He has promised will come to pass. **2 Peter 2:9; Titus 1:2**