## Jesus' Supernatural Strength

"where the Lord's work is genuinely being done Satan will not fail to oppose it"

(John MacArthur, *Ephesians*, p. 332)

Ephesians 6:10-11



### Ephesians 6:10-13 Outline (in progress)

### Stand firm in spiritual warfare (6:10-20)

- 1. Be strong by putting on God's armor (6:10-13)
  - a. Be strong in Jesus' strength (10)
  - b. Put on the armor to be strong (11a)

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### Be strong (Eph 6:10)

"to endue with power, to become able, to become capable, to strengthen"

(Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 820)



# Be strong (dunamis) in the might (kratos) of His strength (ischus)

- 1. Jesus possesses an infinite amount of potential power (dunamis).
- 2. Jesus is so powerful that He can overcome any resistance mounted against Him (*kratos*).
- 3. Jesus' power is inherent (*ischus*). He doesn't need outside help.

Thus, we are to be supplied by Christ with strength that surpasses the opposition.

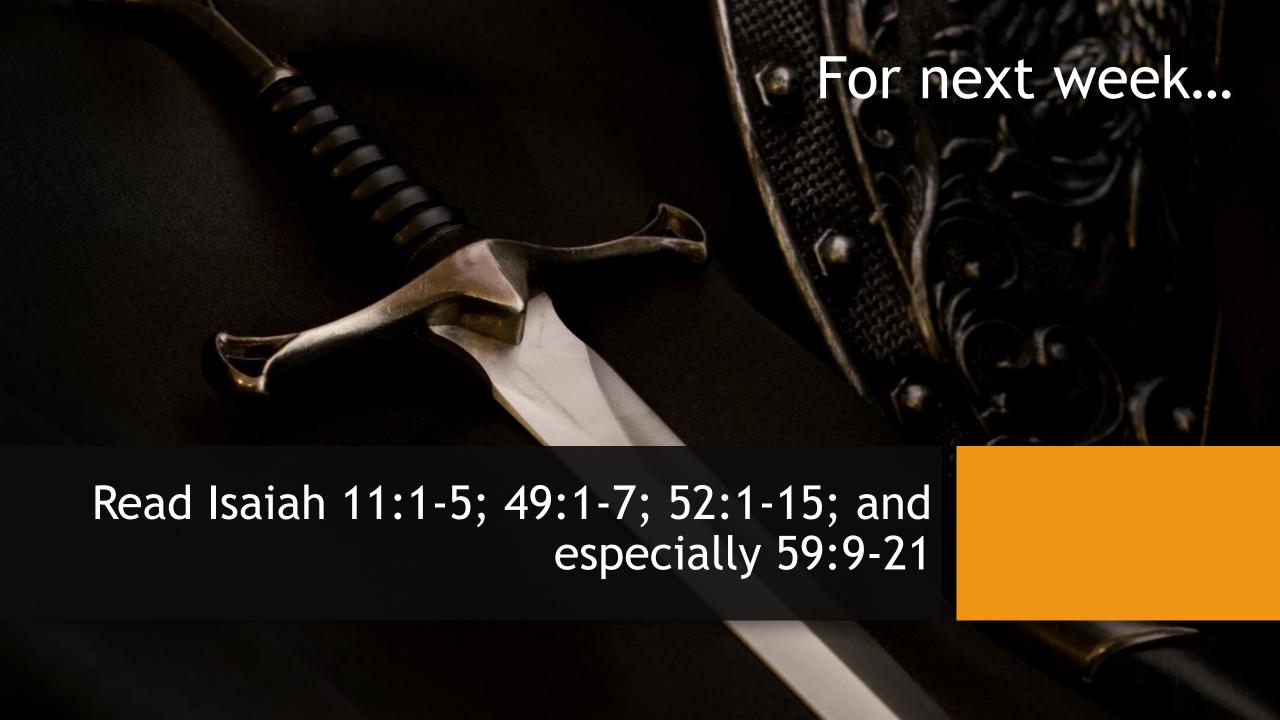
### Eph 6:10 - Three "power" words piled up



#### Putting it all together:

"Be made strong by the supernatural might of Jesus' unlimited, inherent strength"

MacArthur encourages us, "Our own strength is never strong enough to oppose Satan, but when we are strong in the Lord, even a little of His strength is sufficient to win any battle" (Ephesians, p. 337)



### **Application**

Be mindful that Satan's guerilla attacks are a constant reality

Consciously exercise Jesus' strength by doing what you've learned

Obvious spiritual battles

Relationship interactions

Cultural and political turmoil, changes, deterioration

Church concerns, disunity, spreading bitterness

Theological differences and application differences

### Application

Maintain a steady trust in Christ's power to protect in the battle

Faithfully return to the biblical teaching to guide and protect

Memorize verses with biblical truth you tend to forget

Don't neglect any one part of the armor

Make frequent use of this rich picture of God's mighty armor given to you while you withstand enemy attacks.

Meditate on it often, especially during spiritual battles