

Dunamis Made Perfect in Weakness

Romans 8:28 ²⁸ And we know that *all things work together for good* to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his purpose*.

Definitions

Asthenes – strengthless

Astheneo -feeble

Asthenia – to lack or have no strength or function in body or mind (physical and mental)

The Process

- Beginning - Promise
- Middle - Selah
- Ending - Fulfillment

A Description of the Perfect Creation of the Enemy Until...

Ezekiel 28:14-15 ¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

The *Dunamis* of God vs. *Dunamis* of the Enemy

-Objective of the *Dunamis* of God: Function

Mark 5:25-34 ²⁵ And a certain woman, which had an **issue of blood twelve years**, ²⁶ And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, ²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. ²⁹ And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she **felt in her body that she was healed [iaomai]** of that plague. ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that **virtue [dunamis]** had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? ³¹ And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ³² And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. ³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, **knowing what was done in her**, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. ³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

-Objective of the Corrupt *Dunamis* of the Enemy: Dysfunction

Luke 10:17-20 ¹⁷ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the **devils** are subject unto us through thy name. ¹⁸ And he said unto them, I beheld **Satan** as lightning fall from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all **the power [dunamis] of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Notwithstanding in this **rejoice not**, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather **rejoice**, because your **names are written in heaven**.

Luke 13:10-17 ¹⁰ And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity [**Spirit of Infirmity**] **eighteen years**, and was **bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself**. ¹² And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art **loosed from thine infirmity**. [*astheneia*] ¹³ And he **laid his hands on her**: and **immediately she was made straight**, and glorified God. ¹⁴ And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work:

in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, being a **daughter of Abraham**, whom **Satan [Instigator/Source] hath bound, lo, these eighteen years**, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? ¹⁷ And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Powerful Truths About Our Great God

- God is in complete control not the enemy. (Example: The Divine and Demonic Conversation: Yahweh and Satan)
- God is all powerful not the enemy.
- God is all knowing not the enemy.
- God will allow the enemy to come in and in His timing the Spirit of Yahweh will lift up a standard against him.
- God's timing is different than ours.
- God does not want us to fail.
- God knows exactly what we are walking through in this life.
- God will never leave or forsake us.
- God is longsuffering and full of loving kindness.

Visions and Revelations of the Lord

2 Corinthians 12:1 ¹ It is not expedient for me doubtless to **glory**. [to vaunt/boast] I will come to **visions [visual perceptions from root meaning open visions; different kinds of seer giftings] and revelations [uncovering of apocalyptic revelations] of the Lord**. [*kyrios*]

Purposeful Encounters in Heavenly Places and the Activation of Auditory Perceptions

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 ² I knew a man in **Christ** [anointed son] above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one **caught up to the third heaven**. ³ And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) ⁴ How that he was **caught up into paradise**, and **heard [auditory perceptions] unspeakable words**, [inexpressible *rhema* words] which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Glorying in Our Infirmities

2 Corinthians 12:5-6 ⁵ Of such an one will I **glory**: [to vaunt/boast] yet **of myself I will not glory**, [to vaunt/boast] **but in mine infirmities**. [*astheneia*] ⁶ For though I would desire to **glory**, [to vaunt/boast] I shall not be a **fool**; [*aphron* – mindless, stupid, ignorant, egotistic, rash, unbelieving] for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

Requirement of Humility in the Midst of Abundant Revelations and Opposition

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ⁷ And lest I should be **exalted above measure** through the **abundance [hyperbole] of the revelations**, [*apokalypsis*] there was given to me **a thorn in the flesh**, [a point or prickle, a physical annoyance] **the messenger of Satan [a demonic messenger speaking evil words or trying to influence our thoughts] to buffet me**, [to *rap* with the fist; rapping – hard, forceful, impolite, urgent and *knocking* – more polite, patient, gentle technique) lest I should be **exalted above measure**.

- What kind of words, messages, thoughts do you think Paul was hearing from the messenger of Satan?

The *Parakaleo* to the Lord for the Removal of the Physical, Mental and Spiritual Oppositions

2 Corinthians 12:8 ⁸ For this thing I besought [*parakaleo*] the Lord [*kyrios*] thrice, that it might depart [*aphistemi* – to remove, instigate to revolt, to desist, desert from the histemi or to stop standing in what God has assigned for us to being doing] **from me.**

Overcoming Sufficient Grace and *Dunamis* Made Perfect in Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:9 ⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace** [*charis*] is sufficient for thee: for **my strength** [*dunamis* – explosive, power of function – internal and external] **is made perfect in weakness.**

The *Dunamis* of Christ Resting Upon Individuals

2 Corinthians 12:9 ...**Most gladly** [with great pleasure] therefore will I rather **glory** [to vaunt/boast] **in my infirmities**, [*astheneia*] that the **power** [*dunamis*] of Christ [anointed son] may **rest** [to tent upon, abide with] upon me.

Taking Pleasure in Weaknesses

2 Corinthians 12:10 ¹⁰ Therefore **I take pleasure** [*eudokeo* – to think well of, to approve] **in infirmities**, [*astheneia*] in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for **when I am weak, [astheneo] then am I strong.** [*dynatos* – powerful, capable, possible]

Out of Weakness *Dunamis* Empowerment Comes

Hebrews 11:32-34 ³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of **Gedeon**, and of **Barak**, and of **Samson**, and of **Jephthae**; of **David** also, and **Samuel**, and of the **prophets**: ³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, **out of weakness** [*astheneia*] **were made strong**, [*endynamoo* – to empower, used 8 times in N.T.] waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Be the One Leper Who Give Thanks

Luke 17:11-19 ¹¹ And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered into a certain village, there met him **ten men that were lepers**, which stood afar off: ¹³ And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. ¹⁴ And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, **they were cleansed.** ¹⁵ And **one of them, when he saw that he was healed, [iaomai] turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,** ¹⁶ And **fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks:** [*eucharisteo*] and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? ¹⁸ There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.