

The Highway for God

Key Verse: *“He giveth power to the faint; and to them that hath no might he increaseth strength.”*
—Isaiah 40:29

Selected Scripture:
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OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

provides us with many rich blessings through the greatness of his mighty power, as we are reminded in this scripture concerning the greatness of God, “Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.” (Job 9:10) At the same time, we may inquire as David did, “When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Ps. 8:3,4) These scriptures point out to us how insignificant we are, and how little mankind is when compared to the vastness and wonder of the universe. Truly, when we realize that the countless stars may each be one solar system, we are amazed and feel our own littleness. This helps us to gain a higher appreciation of the divine character. It will also enable us to increase our faith and have it grow even stronger by meditating upon God’s promises.

God’s character is made up of wisdom, justice, mercy, love, and power. His wisdom has guided every act, both in heaven and in earth, of his plan of salvation. “The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.” (Prov. 3:19,20) God’s justice is another

vital element of his character. "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne." (Ps. 89:14) Through his love, he provided a way for mankind to be lifted up from their fallen deplorable nature by offering his Son as our Savior. "The scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Gal. 3:22) He uses his mighty power along with his love to provide us with hope, and an appreciation of all that he does for us. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7) These gifts from God add up to a disposition that leads to the development of a reverence for him, and a greater appreciation of his character. Through his mercy we have reverence that helps us develop holiness, joy, peace, fellowship, and courage. In proportion as we obtain this spirit, we gain this power, or spirit of assurance that God is able and willing to work things together for our good. We read, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."—Rom. 8:28

God has promised that nothing can happen to us but what is for our highest welfare. We must realize that all of life's experiences are under divine supervision. This constitutes to the Christian a source of power, and of strength. He called us "out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Pet. 2:9) With this heavenly calling, he has called us to bring glory and honor to himself, and for the blessing of others.

Through the mercy of God, we have been given the opportunity to approach him, and call him Father. We have been given direct access to his plans and purposes, that through the outworking of the Holy Spirit we, "May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."—Eph. 3:18,19 ■