

Eleven

“Arms”

She used the Right Weapons

Recall that we said Chayil is an allegory. She is a representation of an ideal. She is also a model for us today. So, as I was reading the phrases *girds her loins* and *strengthens her arms*, I thought, “what else can loins and arms represent?” If Eshet Chayil means woman of valor, then there has to be a fight somewhere. You cannot have an effective fight without arms or weapons.

Let’s consider Proverbs 31:17 differently using the idea of military weapons. *She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms.* KJV Loins are considered as the seat of strength and vigor. They represent strength in its connection to truth. It speaks to faithfulness and readiness; while arms speak to military tools or weaponry.

Remember Chayil is a warfare word. Over 50% of the time it is translated, it is in the context of warfare with the inclination towards victory. If you see the word in this new setting, it allows us to discover powerful resources.

Strategy in warfare means understanding how to fight. The right weapons mean everything. History has shown that as the enemy

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changes his methods; we must adapt our weapons and alter our battle strategy as well.

She girds her loins with strength. Hum? What is strength? Joy is! Joy is the strength that covers the loins.

Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10 KJV

It is easy to be joyful when you know that God is ultimately governing the details of our lives. **Ephesians 6:14** says, "*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth.*" KJV Truth is the REAL reality. Conditions, circumstances and situations will lie but the truth always stands.

It is also exciting to recognize the difference between fact and truth. A fact may speak a negative reality but the Word of God is the truth that supersedes fact. It may be a fact that there are cancer cells in a body; but the truth is that ...*Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.* **Matthew 8:17** KJV Thus, we defeat facts with truth. These are just some of our weapons. Our capacity to stand with strength is based on our connection with truth. John 17:17 says, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*" KJV

In addition, arms are military weaponry. There are guns; artillery, ammunition; cannons and munitions. But the word that leaped out at me was **ordnance**. Ordnance is the branch of armed forces that obtains, maintains, and issues weapons. It is derived from the same

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word that ordinance comes from. Ordinare is a Latin word meaning to "put in order." An ordinance is an order or decree enacted by an authority. Jesus said that the father hath given him authority to execute judgment and Jesus gave that same authority to us.

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. John 5:26-27 KJV

Another key part of Chayil stratagem in winning a victory is using the ordinances of God to put things in order here on earth. Jesus said, "*thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*" There are many things on the earth that are out of order. Our strength is hidden in the ability to use the truth of the ordinances of God to bring conditions into agreement with heaven. This is yet another weapon.

God has very unusual ways of doing things. He uses foolish things to confound people who think they are wise. Leave it to God to make joy into a weapon. The more time we spend with God, the more delightful it becomes to know how he does things—yes, we learn more of his secrets or should I say his secret weapons.

Isaiah 58:2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. KJV Chayil used the ordinances of God to put her life and the world around her in order. She took delight in approaching God. She found joy in the presence of the Lord.

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...in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psalms 16:11 KJV

But wait! There is more. St. John says;

"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24 NKJV

Having answered prayers is another weapon because it increases joy making us stronger still. David said...

"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute upon them the judgment written (or ordinance decreed): this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD." Psalms 149:5-9 KJV

Here is another warfare strategy we can implement. Oftentimes, we focus our fight on contending with the devil. We spend many words and much energy telling the enemy what to do and what not to do. Psalms 149:5 makes it clear that there is a better way. It says; "let the saints be joyful." in GLORY. Glory is a place. It is an atmosphere that we can create wherever we are.

Heaven is fixed in place, but Glory is moveable. If we want access to victory at all times, the key is not to focus on fighting the enemy. Our real power comes from being IN the GLORY.

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It is focusing our energy on communion, fellowship and presence. It is experiencing the joy of being with the Father. It is abiding in the realm of JOY. This is the kingdom of God.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:17 KJV

The key to dispelling darkness is not to speak to the darkness but rather, turning on the light of His Glory.

She strengthens her arms means that she strengthened her capacity to use the WORD and WORSHIP to create an atmosphere of Glory. **This atmosphere defeats the enemy not our efforts.** Principalities and powers cannot abide where God is. There is no need to wrestle with people or the spirits which control them. Our weapons are not flesh, mortal or carnal, but they are mighty **through God.** No enemy can stand in the face of the GLORY presence of God.

Chayil finds spiritual strength in the presence. She puts on the garment of praise. She puts the high praises in her mouth. She launched the ordinances of God as spiritual weapons. This is the Chayil way to victory.

She mastered the weapons of the Word, Joy and Glory.

