

"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:14 KJV



Those who eat strong meat must be able to procure it. Not every hunt is successful and tigers go many days between meals, but they are the masters of their domain. They are strong and graceful. Sliding undetected through the foliage, they fix their attention on their prey and cannot be distracted from their focus. They are powerful meat eaters. Milk is for babies; the unskilled and immature. The mature believer is able to skillfully feed on the Bread of Life and do not need to be fed. They can find their own sustenance and provide for others as well. They are strong in the faith and are formidable foes to all that oppose Truth through God's Word. We have this idea that meek and peace-loving equate with weakness. Only the powerful can be meek. Strength is a deterrent to those who would create chaos. Mary, Queen of Scots, said, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the British armies." Believers can walk in confidence, because their Father is the invincible Supreme Sovereign! *"Nay, in ALL things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him that loved us."* Why is "loved" past tense? Because believers have been "loved" from eternity past! They can be meek, because they are the children of the Mighty God; the Prince of Peace; the Everlasting Father! They can turn the other cheek, because *"Vengeance is Mine' saith the LORD!"* You harm a powerful man's child and you will pay a hundredfold! Persecutions that assail believers are mere annoyances that will be soon swallowed up in Victory. Death and the attacks of men are like wind rattling the shutters. We cannot be overcome, because we are *"more than conquerors"* through Christ. *"And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."* If you are down, it's because you are not standing. Being down is a condition or consequence, not a calamity for the *"just man [who] riseth up again!"*

Encamped along the hills of light, ye Christian soldiers, rise.
And press the battle ere the night shall veil the glowing skies.
Against the foe in vales below let all our strength be hurled.
Faith is the victory, we know, that overcomes the world. ~J. H. Yates

It's not whether you know about or believe God is: It's whether or not HE KNOWS YOU! *"Many will say to me in that Day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works?'" And then will I profess unto them, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'* Fear no man or deed of man, because *"the fear of man layeth a snare."* Our Father, the KING is still on the Throne of Grace and Mercy! His plan is still right on schedule: He will perform that which He desires, and nothing capable of opposing Him or His! *"If God be for us, who can be against us?"* is a rhetorical question. He who created ALL and by Whom ALL things consist, IS the ever present, all powerful, all knowing Sovereign of Eternity, Jesus Christ!!

"I can do all things through Christ (in other words, do your best; leave God the rest.) which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13 KJV