

## **SERMON: IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD (A Watch Night Sermon)**

### **Psalm 71:16**

**I will go in the strength of the Lord: I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.**

### **Introduction**

**We are about to close one year and enter into another year. Most people make the transition to a new year with mixed emotions. We remember the mistakes of the year that will soon pass into history. We look forward to a new beginning, yet we still are uneasy about the future. Questions flood our minds. Will I make the same mistakes again? Will I be successful in my new endeavors? I want to do something new, but is it really what I should be doing? Since I'm doing ok, should I just leave well enough alone?**

**In these times of mixed emotion, we should ask God to give us the resolve of the psalmist in our text. He made a vow to himself based on his trust in the almighty God. In spite of the evil present and his past successes, he was going forward in the power of God. He was not arrogant or pompous. He just knew God is faithful. He was in a celebratory mood as he looked forward to the future. Why was he in this celebratory mood with trouble all around him? Let's see why.**

### **Exposition**

- 1. He Knew Failure Is Not Final.**
- 2. He Knew Success Can Seduce You Into Self-Sufficiency And Selfishness.**
- 3. He Knew God's Faithfulness Secures Our Future.**

### **Closing Thoughts**

**The psalmist knew that God is with us for the “long haul.” We can enter the New Year with confidence that God will see us through every difficulty and give us continuous victory. Since we are the recipients of His amazing grace we should reciprocate by giving Him appreciative glory. Grace demands praise and glory! Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!**

### **Related Scripture**

**Psalm 65:11**

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