Virtue – reach out and touch Jesus!

Strong's #1411. dunamis

- **Definition:** Power, strength, ability, might, miracle
- **Meaning:** (a) physical power, force, might, ability, efficacy, energy, meaning (b) plural: powerful deeds, deeds showing (physical) power, marvelous works.
- **Usage:** Dunamis primarily denotes power, strength, or ability. It is often used in the New Testament to describe the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the miraculous power evident in Jesus' ministry**. It can also refer to moral power and excellence of the soul**, as well as **the power inherent in a person** …by virtue of its nature.

Geneva, KJV, Douay Rheims, Webster:

Luke 8:43-48 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind Him, **and touched the border** of His garment: *and immediately* her issue of blood stanched. And Jesus said, "**Who touched me**?" When all denied, Peter and they that were with Him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou who touched me?

Vs 46: And Jesus said, "**Somebody had touched me**: for I perceive **that virtue is gone out of me**". And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before Him, she declared unto Him before all the people for what cause she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately. And He said unto her, "Daughter, be of good comfort: **thy faith hath made thee whole**; go in peace". (**vs50** Fear not, believe)

2 Peter 1:1-8 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained **like precious faith** with us through the **righteousness of God** and our Saviour Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the **knowledge of God**, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power **has given unto us all things** that pertain unto life and godliness, through the **knowledge of Him** that has *called us to **glory and virtue**:* Whereby are **given unto us** exceeding great and precious promises: **that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue**; and to **virtue knowledge**; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **For if these things be in you**, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the **knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. **vs10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall:..

Colossians 3:12-17 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of **mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another**, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. And above all these (virtue) things **put on charity**, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the **peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful.

Let the **Word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; **if there be any virtue**, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known **what is the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

Let us grab unto Jesus the Messiah in faith and proclaim to the world He is our virtue and it flows out of us!

Malachi 4:1-2 The Sun of Righteousness
For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But **unto you that fear My name** shall the Sun of righteousness arise **with healing in His wings**; and you shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.

In the final writings of the period of the prophets, Malachi foretold of the "sun of righteousness" who would arise with "healing in His wings." This prophecy immediately became associated with the coming Son of David – the Messiah. As we saw earlier, the Hebrew word for corner is "**kanaph**".

Hebrew is considered a "poor language" – **meaning** that it has many fewer words than languages like Greek, Latin, or English. That means that one word must be used to describe several different things. Therefore, in addition to "kanaph" meaning corner, **it also means wings**. The Hebrew sages taught that this meant that the coming Messiah would have special healing powers in the **tzitzit** that were attached to the corner of his robe.

The Hem of His Garment – tzitzit. (Tallit: A Jewish Prayer Shawl)

Luke 8:43-48 / Matthew 9:18-21
One day when Jesus was making His way through the crowds to heal a young girl who was on the verge of death, a woman reached out and **grabbed hold of his tzitzit**. In doing this, she was doing much more than believing that He could heal her. The woman was **declaring to all** that she believed Jesus to be the promised Messiah. When the woman grabs the hem of Jesus' garment, she's **not just showing faith** that she will be healed. **She's making a statement to everyone around her**. If she isn't healed, she's made a ritually clean rabbi, unclean. Woman had been stoned for less than this. But if she is healed, **her faith in** who she believed this rabbi could be, was rewarded.

Matthew 14:34-36 and when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of Him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto Him all that were diseased; and besought Him **that they might only touch the hem of His garment**: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.