

Good morning! Have you ever noticed that the strength of your faith seems to rise and fall like the tides...or is that just me? Sometimes I feel very strong, like God will do whatever I ask. I trust Him to carry me through with great success. Other times I feel weak; my confidence is low. I look around and see other believers who seem strong and resolute. They seem (at least to me) to have everything under control. I want to be strong like that! I want to please Gd. OK, so what pleases Him? This morning, let's consider that question as we read today's passage together:

[God's] pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

**Psalm 147:10–11**

As I read today's passage I am reminded that the things which impress me don't impress God very much. I am impressed by strong people. I am impressed by smart people. I am impressed by accomplished people--- people who have had lots of success. According to today's passage, God isn't impressed with any of that. Human strength and human cleverness do not impress God at all. We may feel strong and capable, but something can happen in one moment that can rob you and me of all that strength and capability. Something as small as a mosquito bite can change your whole life. Twisting my back the wrong way when I make the bed can completely incapacitate me, rendering me helpless. No wonder God isn't impressed by human strength---it's completely unreliable! So what *does* please God? According to today's passage, God delights in those who fear Him and put their hope in His unfailing love. If you and I want to delight God, we must not rely on our own talent and ability. We must not trust in our own strength, either physical or mental, nor on our religious will power. All of those things will eventually fail us. Instead, we must put our trust in the unfailing love, faithfulness and mercy of God. Put your hope in God this morning, God likes it...and He will never fail you!