

# I Samuel 2:9

by Chuck Smith

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*God's saints are kept from straying and falling, and can prevail in spiritual conflicts by appropriating God's strength through His Spirit.*

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 32:35, 1 Samuel 2:9, Psalm 37:23, Isaiah 30:21, Zechariah 4:6, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:31, 1 Corinthians 1:27, Ephesians 6:10, Jude 1:12

**Topics:** "Strength in God", "Divine Protection"

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the themes of divine protection and strength in his sermon based on I Samuel 2:9. He explains that God keeps the feet of His saints from straying and falling through His Word and Spirit, contrasting this with the fate of the ungodly who are driven by darkness. Smith highlights that the wicked will ultimately be silenced and broken, while true strength comes not from human effort but from the Spirit of God. He encourages believers to rely on God's strength rather than their own resources, reminding them that spiritual victory cannot be achieved through physical or mental might.

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## Transcript

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I. "HE WILL KEEP THE FEET OF HIS SAINTS."

A. From what will He keep the feet of His saints?

1. Straying - "Ps. 37:23 "The steps of a good man."
2. Falling - "Now unto Him who is able to keep..."

B. How does He keep?

1. Through His Word "...I will be a lamp unto my feet." "And you shall hear a voice behind you saying..." Is. 30:21.
2. Through His Spirit.

C. What about those not His saints?

1. "Not so, the ungodly, not so, like chaff driven by the wind."
2. Deut. "Their foot shall slide in due time."
3. "Clouds without water, carried by winds. ragins waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame, wandering stars to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."

## II. "THE WICKED SHALL BE SILENT IN DARKNESS"

A. The saint rejoices while walking in the light.

1. The wicked plodding in darkness, lost, hopeless, helpless, silenced through eternity.

2. The law given to stop mouth at all witnesses whole world directly guilty before God.

B. VS. 10, "The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces."

1. It is certain.
2. It will be sudden.
3. It will be irrevocable.

## III. "FOR BY STRENGTH SHALL NO MAN PREVAIL."

A. How long before we apprehend this truth?

1. Why do we still struggle?
2. Why do we count our resources? David's sin.
3. Why do we despair?
4. "For it's not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

B. Why cannot man prevail by strength?

1. In the spiritual conflict physical strength meaning

less.

a. Last weeks lesson on Sampson.

2. Even mental strength though greater still fails.

a. The power of sin overcomes the strongest minds.

b. You cannot mesmerize to victory.

C. God has granted to us the strength that prevails.

1. Acts 1:8.

2. If we falter or fail it is because we have failed in appropriating His strength.

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