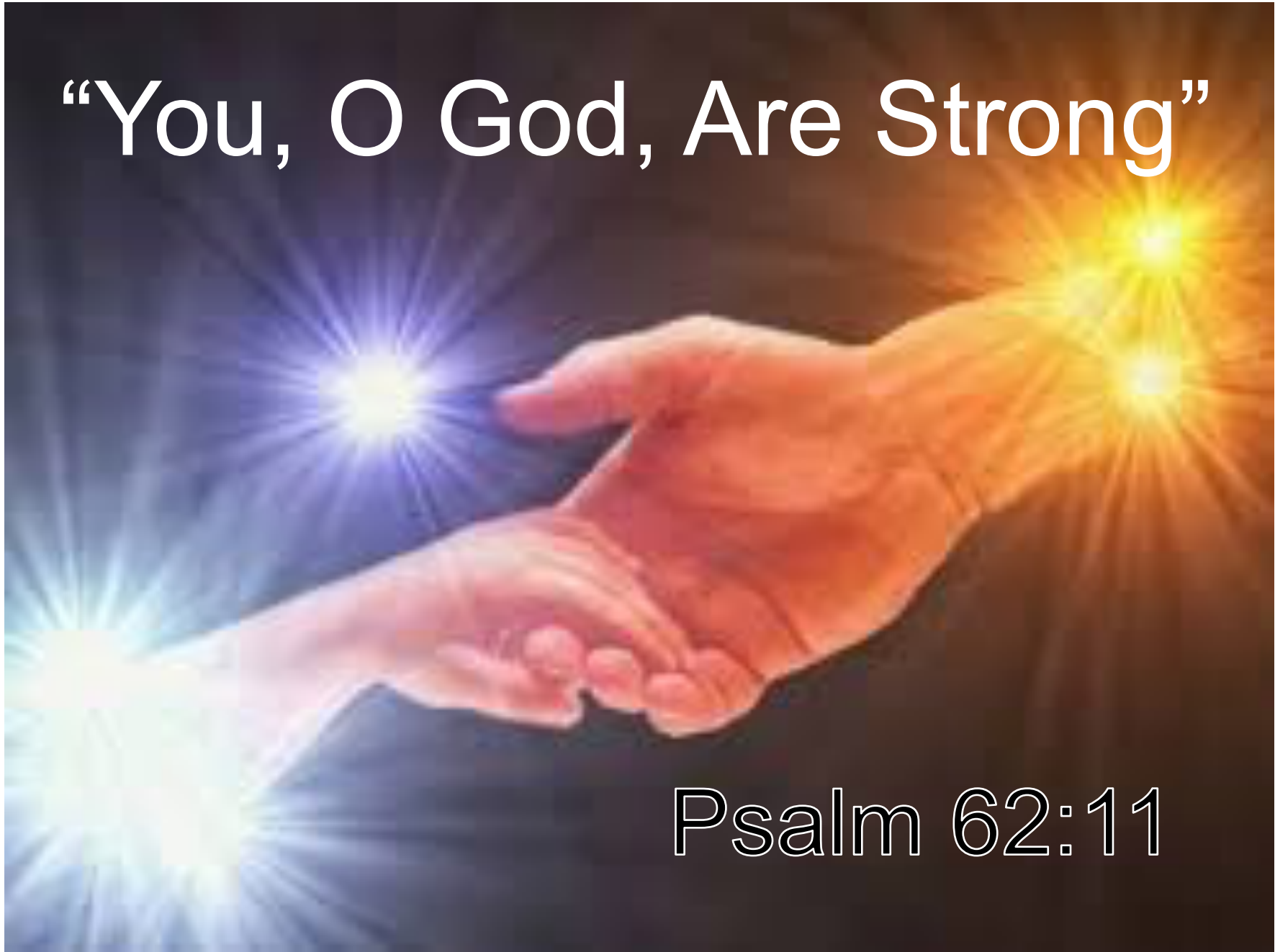


“You, O God, Are Strong”



Psalm 62:11

One thing God has spoken, two things
I have heard that you, O God, are **STRONG**
and that you, O Lord, are **LOVING**

(Psalm 62:11) NIV

Everything has (at least) two sides...
or perspectives... or ingredients...

*“The first to present his case seems
right ‘till another comes forward...”*

(Prov. 18:17)

LITERAL: “strength is of/to God” >
God is the **ORIGIN** of power.

“love is of/to God” > God is the
FOUNTAIN of love

How can we describe God's power/strength?

1. Ability to **ACCOMPLISH** (not simply desire or attempt)
2. Ability to **ACT** (consistently with Himself)

CREATION

- produces and sustains our world

By him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities, all things were created BY him and FOR him. He is before all things, and in him all things HOLD TOGETHER. (Col. 1:16-17)

JUSTICE

- clear understanding of all actions, motives and possibilities

“...it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in creation is hidden from God’s sight.

Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Heb. 4:12-13)

- complete **enforcement** of all punishments or rewards.

- absolute **revision** or **reversal** of any imperfect [human] punishments or rewards.

The Lord reigns forever. He has established his throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness... Govern with justice... refuge for the oppressed... He who avenges blood REMEMBERS... The needy will not be forgotten... The hope of the afflicted will not perish. (Psalm 9)

LIFE

- gifts and nurtures the physical existence of all people and creatures

*Through him were all things made.
Without him nothing was made that has
been made. In him was life... (John 1:3)*

- carries the **spiritual** existence beyond the limits of physical life

*“... A time is coming and has now come when the dead (physical limit) will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live (spirit life continues)”
(John 5:25)*

- **redeem** and **restore** both physical and spiritual life from **any** calamity.

How strong is God's strength? How absolute is God's power?

He is **ALWAYS ABLE** to **ACT** consistently with Himself. (**beyond contradiction!**)

- Never reverses his **intention** or his **word**

God is not a man that he should lie... or change his mind. Does he speak and then not ACT? Does he promise and not fulfill? (*Number 23:19*)

- Necessity of crushing all **resistance.**

- Need to **require** faith/trust from his subjects

Without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

God has **NO COMPETITION.**
Power BELONGS to God!

AND YET, God limits his power for one reason [only!]... In order to give his creation freedom of choice.

WHY? God's POWER is **balanced** by God's LOVE.