

# **The Power of Praise**

**Matthew 21:12-17**

Slides from Dr. Peter Williams' sermon  
at the evening service, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

# Stronghold or praise?

- Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a **stronghold**. (Psalm 8:2)
- From the lips of children and infants  
you, Lord, have called forth your **praise** (Matthew 21:16)

Things which issue forth from mouths of young children	Things which make enemy armies shut up
air	
dribble	
recently eaten food	
Words / babble	
	swords
	arrows
	missiles
	bombs

- **1 Chronicles 16:27** Splendour and majesty are before him; **strength** and joy are in his dwelling-place.
- **1 Chronicles 16:28** Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and **strength**.
- **2 Chronicles 6:41** ‘Now arise, Lord God, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your **might**.
- **Psalms 29:1** Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and **strength**.
- **Psalms 59:17** You are my **strength**, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.
- **Psalms 63:2** I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld **your power** and your glory.
- **Psalms 68:34** Proclaim **the power** of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose **power** is in the heavens.
- **Psalms 78:61** He sent the ark of his **might** into captivity, his splendour into the hands of the enemy.
- **Psalms 93:1** The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with **strength**
- **Psalms 96:6** Splendour and majesty are before him; **strength** and glory are in his sanctuary.
- **Psalms 96:7** Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and **strength**.
- **Micah 5:4** He will stand and shepherd his flock in the **strength** of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.