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Text: Micah 5:4

IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD

(I) THE MANY CHALLENGES OF LIFE

- 1. Problems evident
- 2. Powerlessness felt

(II) THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD

- 1. For Personal life
- 2. For Ministry

(III) THE EXAMPLE OF THE LORD JESUS

"And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;" Micah 5:4

1. The context of Micah's prophecy

a) Amidst bad leaders (Micah 3:1)

b) Amidst false prophets (Micah 3:5)

c) Amidst steep ignorance (Micah 4:12)

d) Amidst great difficulties (Israel's political enemies - Micah 5:5-6)

2. Content of "Strength"

a) The majesty of the name of God	(Micah 5:4)
b) The ability to stand and feed the flock	(Micah 5:4)
c) The abiding of the flock	(Micah 5:4)
d) The greatness of the stature of the Servant of God	(Micah 5:4)

(IV) THE DRAWING OF STRENGTH FOR PERSONAL LIFE AND MINISTRY

"But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin." **Micah 3:8**

- 1. Fullness of Power available
- 2. Filled by the Spirit of the Lord
- 3. Fueled to minister well
 - a) To battle sin
 - b) To proclaim justice and might