

The Word For The Weak
 — Weekly Newsletter —
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"For when I am weak, then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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THE WORD IS: "GREAT"

SAYING THESE THINGS:

This week, the **Lord Holy Spirit** indicated that **He** wanted me to pick the Word for the Weak. At first I chose "Hebrews", in honor of the Book that we are now studying at Home Group.

But, as I looked and thought, it occurred to me that another Word was a better fit for the flow which the **Lord** had already established. And that Word is — "GREAT."

Already I can think of many quotes that I have heard which use "great". My favorite as a kid is from Tony The Tiger, who, speaking of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes cereal in a TV commercial, said in a booming bass voice -

"... THEY'RE GREAT!"

And then there is this phrase often used as an exclamation: "Great Scott!"

But who is Scott? And why is he so great? So far no one has told me, so I'll take Tony The Tiger over Great Scott any day.

This Word also brings to mind the words of a song- "Great Are You Lord."

Here are the lyrics to that song:

([Listen to the song at this link.](#))

You give life, You are love
 You bring light to the darkness
 You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
 And **great** are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
 It's Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise to You only

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 You bring light to the darkness
 You give hope, You restore (You restore)
 Every heart that is broken
 And **great** are You, Lord

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 So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
 It's Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
 All the earth will shout Your praise
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will say
Great are You, Lord

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Written by: Jason Ingram, David Leonard, Leslie Jordan
Album: All Sons & Daughters
Released: 2014
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“Great” appears over 1,000 times in the NKJV Bible. Here are the first and last instances in both of the Testaments.

Genesis 1:16

16 Then God made two **great** lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

Malachi 4:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
 Before the coming of the **great** and dreadful day of the LORD.
6 And he will turn
 The hearts of the fathers to the children,
 And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
 Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Matthew 2:10

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly **great** joy.

Revelation 21:9-27

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, **11** having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

12 Also she had a **great** and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: **13** three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. **16** The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.

17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. **19** The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, **20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. **24** And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). **26** And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

P. S. It is also important to remember that ‘**great**’ is the root word of ‘**greater**’, which is another study in its own right. These two verses contain the Word “greater”:

John 1:50-51

50 Jesus answered and said to him (*Nathanael*), “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see **greater things** than these.” **51** And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Hebrews 9:11

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the **greater** and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

May our Father grant us His Light to Know, Live, and Love His Word.

Amen.

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— ‘GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU’ —