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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Pv. 73:26 *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.* (**NIV**)

Asaph writes this psalm as a reminder to us all, that our God is all strength and our strength. We may think that we can accomplish so much on our own, but the fact is, everything that we could do, God has empowered us to be able to do it. He gave us life in the first place. As Job remarked in **Job 1:21** "*Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.*" (NIV) In other words, we would have nothing if it were not for the mercy and grace of God.

I have found that these words are some of the most profound in scripture. It is a reminder to us all that nothing we have comes from ourselves. All things have come from our provider, Jehovah Jireh. The sooner we realize this, the sooner we can begin to walk in His presence because we acknowledge Him, and we choose to submit to Him all things. **Proverbs 19:21** *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.* (NIV) So we are to be continually reminded throughout each day that the LORD gives us, that we only have that day because of Him and for Him.

And here is the best part: *He is my portion forever*. There is no end to His love. There is no end to His power. There is no end to His knowledge. There is no end to His grace and mercy. I think you get the picture. He is everything I need, every day, all day long. So why would I look to anyone or anything else?

Dear LORD, You are the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Blessed be the name of the LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen