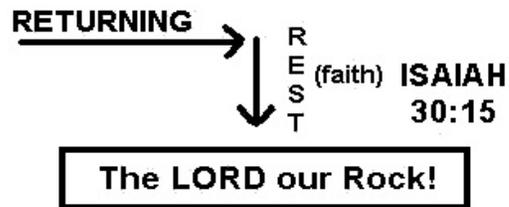


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(Isaiah 30:12-21)



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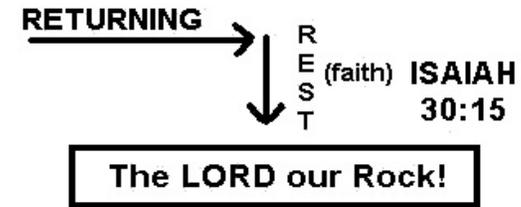
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Who is sufficient for these things? Certainly in the energy of the flesh we can only fail. Remember, the battle is the Lord’s. As we rely on Him we discover that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. “For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; **in returning and rest shall ye be saved**; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength” (Isaiah 30:15). May the joy of the Lord be our strength as we rest fully in the God who indwells us!

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