

IN THE DAY OF GOD'S POWER

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"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." – Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

One of the greatest needs of our time is to see the power of God manifested through the Church. This is because God's people will "offer themselves freely or willingly" in the day of His power (Psalm 110:3).

The Apostle Paul, therefore, prayed that God would give His people the wisdom and revelation to understand the incredible greatness of His power for us who believe Him. Many of us are yet to know and understand, let alone see, the power of God at work in our lives and the Church; many are weak, fearful, apathetic and indifferent to the things of God. We need, more than ever, to see God's power demonstrated in our lives and on our behalf, yet, the challenge is to find Christians who even believe.

God is All-Powerful

There is no question about how strong and powerful God is. The scriptures declare this fact from Genesis to Revelation. God is Omnipotent. This means that God **is** and **has** "All-Sufficient Power and is Almighty. God is omnipotent, whether we believe it or not, but it is important that we believe, as it will completely change thinking, attitudes and actions. (*Revelation 1:8; Revelation 19:1; Psalm 62:11*)

God's Power Revealed

God's power is demonstrated in many ways to us throughout the scriptures, and it is good that we know the greatness of God's power as revealed in these ways.

1. At Creation – God's power was made manifest at Creation – *Jeremiah 10:12; 27:5; 32:17*
2. In Delivering Israel from Egypt – Through many mighty works, including the parting of the Red Sea. *Exodus 14:30-31; 32:11*
3. In His Relationship with Israel, as revealed through His Names. Here are a few examples:
 - I Am – *denotes His strength, power and might in the present and immediate future*
 - Elohim – *denotes multiplied power, thus showing that God is almighty*
 - EL Shaddai – *"the Almighty." One who has "overmastering" or "overpowering" strength*
 - EL Gibbor – *"The Lord strong and mighty"*
 - Jehovah Zeba'ot – *"the God of the armies of Israel" "mighty in battle"*
 - Adonai – *Sovereign Lord, Ruler and Master*

God's Power Revealed in Us Who Believed

It is important to note, however, that Paul's prayer was not for us to know the greatness of God's power as revealed at Creation, or Israel's deliverance from Egypt, or in God's walk with Israel! Paul prayed that we would know the exceeding greatness of God's power which is at work in us according to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:19-20)

What we need to know is that THE SAME MIGHTY POWER OF GOD that raised Christ from the dead, and seated Him at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named (not only in this age but also in that which is to come), IS AT WORK IN US. Knowing this by experience will not only transform our walk with God, it will also enable us to redeem our nation.

A Portrait of The Resurrection

"If this earth could but have its mantle torn away for a little while, if the green sod could be cut from it, and we could look about six feet deep into its bowels, what a strange world it would seem! What should we see? Bones, carcasses, rottenness, worms and putrifying corruption. And you would say, Can these dry bones live? Can they again start up into being? Yes, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, the dead shall be raised." God speaks — they are alive! See them scattered! bone comes to his bone. See them naked! flesh comes upon them. See them still lifeless. "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain!" When the wind of the Holy Spirit comes, they live; and they stand upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Will there be any longer doubt among men of God's power in having raised His own Son from the dead? And not only so, but of having exalted Him to His throne in heaven above?"
– Charles Spurgeon

This refer to Ezekiel 37:1-10, where we are given a demonstration of the power of the resurrection. We see something extraordinary happening as God, by His power and Spirit, raises an army to life from a huge pile of dried bones. The question asked was, *"Can these bones live?"* This same question comes to mind when we look at the present state of helplessness, powerlessness and lifelessness of the Church. Yet, not only did the bones live, they rose up as an army, because, the same power that raised Christ from the dead was at work to restore, raise and empower them.

The Resurrection Power In Us

It is this same revival we are crying out for in this land – that God would manifest His resurrection power to us through a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. Experiencing the resurrection power will result in the following:

1. Victory over sin (*Romans 6:1-13; Colossians 2:12*)
2. Newness of life. – The word *newness* in the scripture above means renewal, to be renewed. Renewal is to be a way of life; not a one time, or once in a while, event. This, is accomplished by the power and working of the Holy Spirit in us. (*Romans 8:10-11*)
3. Spiritual growth and maturity in the Lord - *Colossians 3:1-10*
4. Resurrection power empowers and enables us to fulfil the Great Commission.

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Mark 16:17-18

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

5. Strength and grace to keep striving and labouring and not give up

Colossians 1:29

"And for this purpose also I labour, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me."

**YES, GOD'S PEOPLE SHALL NOT ONLY BE WILLING,
WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARED, IN THE DAY OF HIS POWER.
AMEN!**