



Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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The Wise Still Seek Him

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Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Come, let us begin walking in newness of life having long ago been "buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so should we walk in newness of life" (Rom 6.4).

The Word of the Lord came to the prophet Joel:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy (Acts 2.17, 18):

Oh, the glory of His presence! How long since you knew that He cared for you? The Lord has given to us His presence through His Holy Spirit to endue us with His power to live in His strength that we might, first and foremost, know Him in our daily lives as we walk upon this earth, that we might accomplish His will.

We have too long lowered our eyes to see the world; we have too long tuned into the world, hearing the words of the enemy, thus walking according to the lies perpetrated by the enemy – believing that life is all about me-e-e-e. Our hands hang down, and we walk with feeble knees (Heb 12:12). Is it not time that we, as a people who know Jesus Christ, rise in newness of life in Christ Jesus? To walk in His resurrection power? To be filled with the Holy Spirit, to preach with our lives like those in the Primitive Church and the Early Church – and all through the centuries, those who made a difference in the lives of those seeking more and more of Jesus Christ?

We have too long listened to those standing on the pulpitums (stage) telling us the days of the Bible are gone and we are a new people who write our own understanding of what the "christian" life is to be: one of fun and fellowship, western ideology (a time to recognize all gods and join in union with all peoples), as the enemy teaches, and that we are loved and accepted though willfully living in sin, ignoring the call to a life of holiness in Christ Jesus.

May this be a day of resurrection in our lives, causing us to open the Holy Bible and receive the Word that we might go forth in newness of life in Christ Jesus. Hear the Word of the Lord for you. Oh, bow down before Him; love and adore Him. We need to hear, as never before, the commands of the Lord that we might know Him and live for Him, that we might rise in newness of life in Him.

"Bve filled with the Spirit" is a command given from the Book of Ephesians (5.18).

The power of the Holy Spirit will place in us His power that will come forth out of us as an artesian well, a strength that cannot be stopped – come what may.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Experience the power of those who have gone before us all through the centuries, and seek the Lord. Wait until you have been endued with power from the Holy Spirit to go forth to serve the Lord. Run not ahead of the Lord as did the prophets in Jeremiah, Chapter 23. Wait upon the Lord until you know you have your "marching orders" and then "Go Forth in Great Confidence" as the Captain of the Hosts sends you. Respond with Isaiah who said, "Here am I, send me" and go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **they spake the word of God with boldness**.

Have you waited in the presence of the Lord until you have been endued with power?

Have you been filled with the Holy Ghost?

Has the Holy Ghost come upon you with power?

Are you speaking the Word of God in Christ Jesus with holy boldness?

Are you witnessing for Jesus Christ?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

There is another command given to those called to "come up higher," to wait for the promise of the Father, to "be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

And, being assembled together with *[them]*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *[saith he]*, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence (Act 1.4, 5).

We need to wait in the presence of the Lord, when He calls us to go forth in His Name for His glory, until we have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord says that we shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon us – and we shall be witnesses for the Lord.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1.8).

When we are endued with power by the Holy Spirit, we will no longer walk with the world and the "churches" in their "fun and fellowship." We shall rise in the Lord Jesus Christ and shall be witnesses unto the Lord – wherever we are daily. The joy of the Lord is our strength, and we shall know the joy of the Lord; and it shall flow like a river out of us. And the world, wherever we are, shall take notice we have been with the Lord. They shall come seeking the Lord knowing we have been with Him. They will see the glory of the Lord in us and through us, as they see our lives transformed – knowing we have been with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has a work for those who have waited upon Him and heard His call.

Be careful not to be as those who run ahead of the Lord in their own strength and for their own glory.

I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings (Jer 23.21, 22).

There are those also like Simon the magician in Acts 8.13-18 of whom Luke writes,

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money (Acts 8.18-20).

People of God in Christ Jesus, we must seek Jesus, seek to serve Him for Satan is alive (II Cor 11.13-15).

For such *[are]* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Therefore *[it is]* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (II Cor 11.13-15).

Note that the word *transform* in the Greek is to disguise, deceive, in the above passage. Is this not what Satan does to us daily, comes to us with words of deceit?

People of God, we need the power of the Lord by the Holy Spirit in our lives to cause us to rise up in the Lord, as never before, to know the Word of the Lord from the Holy Bible and to live for Him – come what may. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to speak forth the Truth of the Lord, and not grow weary. We need to know that we know we have the Truth, Jesus Christ, in our lives as we serve Him – that we might not be like the false prophets and those seeking power, like Simon the Magician.

This is the time in which we need to seek the Lord, to seek that we might be baptized with the Holy Spirit, that the Word of the Lord God will go forth in power to accomplish His will in us and through us. We need to be endued with the power of the Holy Spirit today – for time is of the essence. We need to be endued with the power of the Holy Spirit that we might discern the voice of the enemy, Satan, as he speaks through whomever he will - and wherever he will, when he disguises himself to be an apostle, minister. Read Matthew 7.14-16, 21-23. Seek that you shall have discernment in these days that lie before us. Seek to walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him (Isa 59.19).

Pray for the Holy Spirit to endue you with His power for service unto the Lord. Wait in His presence for that power as did those in Acts, both men and women, who loved the Lord and knew their lives were about serving the Lord Jesus Christ. They were willing to give their lives for the Lord because of their love for Him Who died for them - that they might have life everlasting (Rev 7.9-17).

I am reminded of Peter who loved the Lord – and, yet, he denied the Lord Jesus Christ just before His crucifixion. After Jesus had risen from the dead and met with His disciples, He asked Peter, "Lovest thou me?" (Jn 21). I believe Peter, with head hung low remembering his words at the Passover meal, was greatly pained, recalling his response to the Lord's words in verse 21.

And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death (Lk 22:33).

Can you imagine speaking these words only to find that you failed, that you were not ready to go to prison and death with the Lord Jesus Christ? And, then to be reminded of your failure to keep those words when the Lord asks, "Lovest thou me?"

But hear the words of the Lord to Peter in John 21.18:

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *[thee]* whither thou wouldest not.

Oh, the Lord Jesus Christ knew what Peter did not know, that Pentecost was *just around the corner*. Pentecost was nearing and Jesus knew Peter would be endued with power from the Holy Spirit to keep his vow in Luke 22.33. He would indeed go to prison for the Lord and be crucified for his love for the Lord, as history has recorded this.

Oh, the power of the Holy Spirit upon those seeking the Lord in a greater measure will give us the strength and love to go forth proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ unashamedly, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus with joy and urgency - to tell a people who stand in need of a living Lord and Savior.