

“By My Spirit!”
The Power Of The Holy Spirit!

Introduction:

1. The Holy Spirit Is Powerful!
 - We've Already Seen / Learned This!
 - Since He Is God, He Has The Attributes Of God!
 - One Attribute Is Omnipotence – All Powerful!
2. How Does His Power Relate To His People?
 - We Need His Power / Want His Power!
 - Tonight, Focus On What The Power Of The Spirit Does!
 - Next Sunday Night, Focus On How We Receive His Power!

1. *The Holy Spirit's Possession Of Power!*

- His Power Is Extraordinary!
- Isaiah 11:2-3 - “And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears!”
 - Called The Spirit Of Might!
 - This Is His Nature! He Is In Himself, Powerful!
 - And When He “Rests” Upon Someone, It Affects Then Greatly!
 - Here, He Rests Upon The Messiah!
 - And All His Attributes (Listed Here) Contribute To Make Him “Of Quick Understanding!”
 - The Powerful Character Of The Holy Spirit Will Transform The Character He Rests Upon!
- Micah 3:8 - “But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin!”
 - Called Again The Spirit Of Might!
 - And He Provides The Prophet Micah With Power!
 - The Power He Has, He Is Able To Give To Understand & Stand Up For / Declare Righteousness!
- The Holy Spirit Possesses All The Power We Would Ever Need & Could Ever Want In Our Lives As Christians!
 - And He Is Able To Transform The Character Of Someone To Possess, Promote & Perform Righteousness!

2. *The Holy Spirit's Provision Of Power!*

- What Kind Of Power Can The Holy Spirit Provide?
- He Gives Power For Extraordinary Strength! (Came & Came Upon - Mightily)
 - Seen In The Spirit's Work In Samson!
 - Judges 14:6 / 14:19 / 15:14
 - Sudden, Physical Empowerment To Accomplish What Normally A Human Could Not Accomplish!
 - Against Overwhelming Odds!
 - Ensured His Safety!
 - Ensured His Success!
 - But The Success Was Not Samson's – It Was The Spirit's!
 - The Holy Spirit's Power Was Provided For His Own Purpose!
 - Samson Didn't Ask For It!
 - He Came At Certain, Sudden Times, According To The Lord's Desire / Use & Timing!
 - Ephesians 3:16 - “That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man!”
 - Not Just Physical Strength, But Spiritual Strength!
 - A Much Greater Need!

- He Gives Power For Extraordinary Service!
 - 1 Samuel 10:6 - “And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man!”
 - Sudden Empowerment For Saul To Prophecy!
 - A Spiritual Service!
 - Fulfilled In 10:10 - “And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them!”
- He Gives Power For Extraordinary Courage!
 - 1 Samuel 11:6 - “And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly!”
 - Leadership For The Lord’s Glory!
 - Evidence Of His Extraordinary Power - It Brings Glory To God, And Not To Man!
 - Result: “And the fear of the LORD fell on the people!”
 - 2 Timothy 1:7-8 - “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. / Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God!”
 - Not Of Fear / Timidity, But Courage!
 - To Stand For The Lord & In The Lord (During Afflictions)
- He Gives Power For An Extraordinary Life!
 - 1 Samuel 16:13 - “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward!”
 - Permanent Presence & Power!
 - A Picture Of A Believer, With The Spirit Constantly Indwelling Him!
 - His Power Is Constantly Available!
 - For Strength / Service / Courage / Life!
- He Gives Power For Extraordinary Witness!
 - Acts 1:8 - “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!”
 - Not Only Is The Spirit’s Witness The Basis For Our Witness – The Spirit’s Power Is The Empowerment For Our Witness!
 - This Is Exactly What Happened!
 - Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-41!
 - To Boldly Proclaim the Gospel, Wherever They Went!
 - 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 - “And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God!”
 - His Power Seen In:
 - His Influence Upon Paul!
 - His Impact Through Paul!
- He Gives Power For An Extraordinary Faith!
 - Romans 15:13 - “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost!”
 - Gives Hope To The Hopeless!
 - Takes A Very Small Seed & Causes It To Flourish & Grow!
 - Here, For A Greater Joy, Peace, Hope In Believing – Faith!
 - Philippians 1:6 - “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ!”
- Who Can Receive The Power Of The Spirit?
 - Look At All The People We’ve Just Looked At:
 - Samson, Saul, David, Christ, Micah, The Apostles, Paul Writes To Timothy & The Entire Churches Of Rome & Corinth!
 - Made Available To Every Believer!
 - Because, Like David, “The Spirit Of The Lord” Has Come Mightily Upon You From The Day Of Your Salvation Forward!

- His Power Can Be Applied To Every Believer!
- His Power Can Be Applied In Every Situation!
- How Does One Receive The Holy Spirit's Power?
 - It Is Something God Gives & We Receive!
 - Like The Power Given To The Disciples:
 - Luke 24:49 - "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high!"
 - "Endue" - To Clothe!
 - Not Something We Can Earn Or Buy!
 - Is Something To Request / Ask For!
 - And God Will Provide His Power To His People!

Conclusion:

1. The Holy Spirit:
 - Possess Power!
 - Provides Power!
2. Are We Availing Ourselves Of His Power?
 - Have We Asked For His Power?
 - Do We Wait For His Power?
 - Do We Rely Upon His Power?
 - Luke 11:13 - "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"
3. If:
 - You Are Weak, Ask For His Power!
 - And He Will Give You Extraordinary Strength!
 - You Are Weary, Ask For His Power!
 - And He Will Give You Extraordinary Service!
 - You Are Timid, Ask For His Power!
 - And He Will Give You Extraordinary Courage!
 - You Are Unfruitful, Ask For His Power!
 - And He Will Give You An Extraordinary Witness!
 - You Are In Doubt, As For His Power!
 - And He Will Give You Extraordinary Faith!

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