

POWER

Power 6

Over the last few weeks we have covered and looked at some of the major passages of God's divine word in relation to His power and how His power radically impacts and enables us to live out His instructions.

It is my hope that we have come to the realisation in our own lives just how much we need and must enter into and have God's divine power operating in our inner most being. Anything less than this is to live from 'soul' power, which is our human strength, which is temporal and not able to operate and perform the way we need it to.

To operate from 'soul' power, is to live in accordance to the flesh and this is a recipe for mass burn out, disillusionment, frustration and ultimately spiritual death.

Isaiah 40:28-31, Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5 are the exact same kind of Word, with the same outcome or promise associated to them in relation to God's power.

Isaiah 40:28-31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The ability to, "WAIT" for what is promised, and to continue to wait UNTIL we all receive what Jesus promises us is a necessity. This waiting is the same kind of waiting, as being "STILL", and knowing that "I Am" God. It is a kind of waiting, that persists and perseveres until it receives what it is promised. Without this waiting on Him, there will be a next to nothing chance of us receiving His divine power.

The disciples who waited in the upper room received God's divine power within them and this radically changed who they were and the way they were able to live. We see Peter go from a man who is broken of spirit, severely humbled, and has gone back to all he knows - fishing, to a man renewed, re-energised and burning on the inside with life. A man who releases the fragrance of the knowledge of God he is now carrying through the Holy Spirit, seeing 3000 people repent and be baptised.

God's power is available today as it was then, but it makes its home in the heart of a humble person of the Spirit. A person who is fully aware of their need for God, a person who has lost their life and come to end of their own strength, who realises the futility of this way of being and living. Is this you? Have you honestly come to the end of you, where you are completely sold out to the fact that you can't do anything, but surrender to Him?

If so, then can I encourage you to "wait" and seek and knock and ask continuously, for the Holy Spirit to baptise



you into God's resurrection power, deep in your inner most being and don't give up until you receive it. Your ability to walk in the manner in which Jesus walked depends on it.

Questions for discussion

1. Why is "waiting" such a critical part in the receiving process?
2. How easy do we find it to wait and be still?
3. How would you describe what active waiting is, as opposed to passive waiting?
4. Why is the spiritual condition of the heart so crucial to receiving His power?
5. Describe the impact receiving God's power within you has on one's life?
6. How many of us are experiencing this reality?