



In analyzing the power of God, the first element to consider is how He displayed His mighty power in creation.

Here's how scripture defines it:

Jer 32:17: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

Ps 19:1: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."

Rom 1:20: "For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

1Chron 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all."

Jer 10:12: "He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion."

Finally, how does the display of such power from God should translate into our lives?

Rev 4:11: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Do we realize the importance of worshipping our Creator?

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Obviously, the mighty power of God proves without the shadow of a doubt His sovereignty over all creation, including mankind.

How so?

Job 42:2: "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."

Pro 19:21: "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

Eph 1:11: "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will."

Here's what Jesus said to His disciples in Mat 19:26: "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Clearly, inasmuch as mankind might boast of their powers, which they mostly display for evil, God's power is limitless and He is sovereign in all His decisions and will never be overcome by evil.

The reason Rev 11:17 says, "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned."

In reality, no matter how mankind might reject God, or how much evil has polluted our world, God will always reign, the reason Is 26:4 says, "Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal."

Whom will we trust, God or the world?

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God’s power was greatly exhibited in Christ, from the mighty miracles He did right up to His resurrection from the dead after His crucifixion. The apostle Paul in Eph 1:19-21 describes God’s power in Christ saying, “According to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His 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.”

Was Jesus’ power limited to healings or raising the dead to life?

In a storm at sea when His disciples panicked, Jesus said in Mat 8:26: “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.”

In Mat 21:19: “Seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away.”

Accordingly, Paul in 1Cor 1:23-24 said “But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

Is Christ’s power currently at work in our life?

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THE POWER OF GOD AT WORK IN A BELIEVER

*“I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.”*

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We often hear people claim with an attitude of pride that they can do all things through Christ; and most often than not it is directed to materialistic desires.

Yet, Gal 5:16 tells us, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

How does God’s power work in us?

First, God releases His power in us so His Word dominates our lives, as Acts 1:8 says: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Then, 2Cor 4:7 add: “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”

2Cor 10:4: “For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.”

2Peter 1:3: “His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.”

In essence, scripture tells us that rather than seeking to direct our life to be super achievers for this world, we should aim to become all that the Lord desires for us, as God’s power is only released in us as we live to serve Christ.

Finally, Eph 6:10 says, “Be strong in the Lord and in HIS Mighty Power.” To His glory, honor and praise, right?

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We know that salvation is grounded by faith in Christ. As well, God's power in our lives will only be manifested if our faith is grounded in Christ to carry out God's mission for our lives, no matter the circumstances.

How so?

Pro 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Pro 16:3: "Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established."

Do we understand that true faith rests in wanting to carry out God's will so our thoughts are established by Him, and not for our own will?

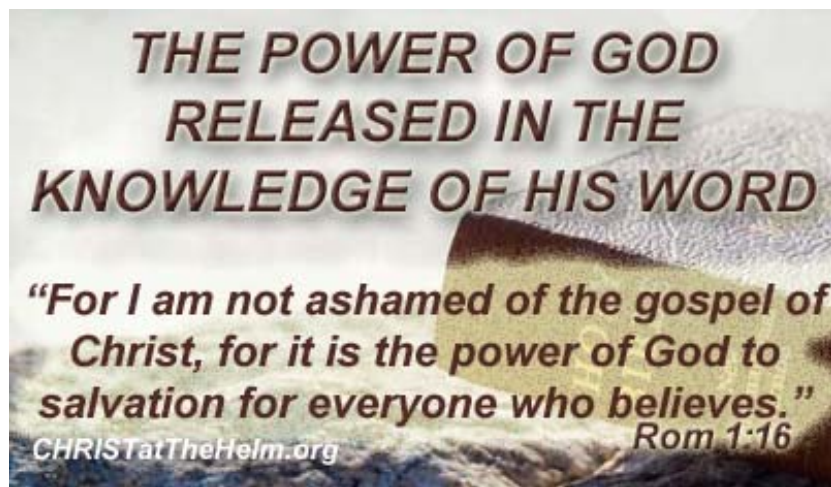
The reason Eph 3:16-17 says, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

Then 1Cor 2:4 adds, "My speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

Even through trials, we trust God by faith, as Is 41:10 says, "Fear not, for I *am* with you; be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Is God's power manifested in our lives through faith in Christ, and to the glory of God?

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Is there power in the Word of God?

Heb 4:12: "For the Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

2Tim 3:16-17: "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Is 55:11: "So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it."

While the deceptions of the enemy find its source in lies, the power of God is always demonstrated in our lives as we feed on and submit to His Word.

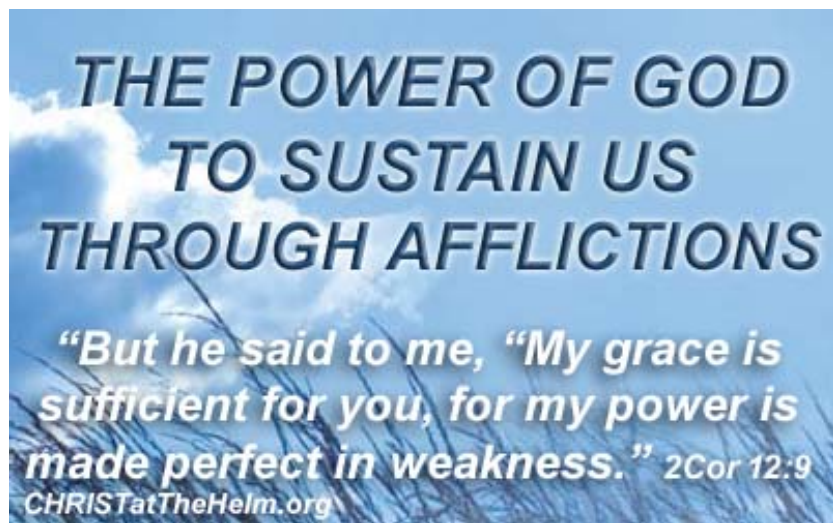
The reason Jesus said to the Pharisees in Mat 22:29: "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

Then, how does the power of God work mightily in our lives?

James 1:21-22: "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Are we?

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Evidently, the Lord never said we wouldn't face trials in life. How then is God's power manifested through trials?

2Cor 4:16: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day."

2Cor 13:4: "For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God."

Is 40:31: "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength."

What should our attitude be through trials?

Col 1:10-11: "Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy."

2Cor 12:9(b) "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

Why?

Rom 8:18: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

How must we face the enemy's attacks?

Eph 6:13: "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Will we stand and trust God even through trials?

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Is there fear to be understood from the power of God? Here's what scripture tells us:

Pro 8:13: "To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech."

Ps 111:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments."

Pro 14:27: "The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn *one* away from the snares of death."

Psalm 25:14: "The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant."

Here's what Jesus said on this in Mat 10:28: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

In other words, trusting God, following Christ and fulfilling His mission for us in this life provides the assurance of salvation. Additionally, if as believers we sin, unless we repent and change our ways, we can expect that God will chastise us in order to bring us back to the path of righteousness.

However, unbelievers have all reasons to fear the power of God to send them to the lake of fire eternally.

Are we truly saved through repentance and surrender of our hearts to God, or do we take Christ lightly, proclaim to be saved, yet deceived by the enemy through false prophets?

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