

The Power of God

- Written Five Articles in our Weekly Bulletin.
- Been very pleased with the confidence and peace it has brought to me.
- Even though things are unsettling in the world.
- The perfect peace of God has been greatly strengthened with these meditations.
- I wanted to share some of these things with you.

Perfect Peace is Already Here

● *You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength. Isa. 26:3-4*

● We see perfect peace/trust manifested in God's greatest servants in both Testaments.

● Those who are so convinced in the omnipotent power of God they cannot fear.

● *He Himself has said, "**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**" 6 So we may boldly say: "**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?**" Heb 13:5-6*

● But can we say this today? Is it our core conviction?

Transition Between Power & Trust

- Power has been in existence since the creation.
- Oil, natural gas, electricity and nuclear power.
- Yet in recorded history we see no indication that man understood, trusted or used them.
- **WHY?**
- They could see lightning striking.
- God had commanded them to subdue and use it
- Yet though power beyond belief to make life easy and give confidence laid dormant.

Power Needs Four Things to Subdue

- 1. See that the power exists
- 2. Learn how to subdue and take dominion by accessing and channeling it.
- 3. Create the tools, appliances, and electronics that make the power useful.
- 4. Each individual must become proficient and competent in using them.
- Once these things have been done, Power can then bring confidence and assurance.
- Projects we would never individually feel we could do are easy with the right tools.

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Jesus Helps Us Make Application

- The things that are made should be used to illustrate and give confidence to the Saints.
- Sermon on the Mount: **Birds, Lilies, Grass:**
- *“do not worry about your life, ... **Look at the birds** of the air, for they neither sow nor reap ... your heavenly Father feeds them.*
- ***Consider the lilies** of the field, if God so clothes **the grass of the field**, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*
- What Jesus has done here crucial!

The Undergirding of God's Power

- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divine nature, so that they are without excuse, Rom 1:20-21*
- His invisible attributes:
- Everlasting Power
- Divine Nature
- So clearly visible no one has any excuse for not seeing it.

Exactly What Jesus Taught

- “*Things that are made*” make His everlasting power clear, easily seen and understood.
- The birds, lilies and grass all clearly reveal His everlasting power. Jesus commanded we use them to feel boldness and confidence.
- If the birds, lilies and grass reveal this, what about electricity?
- Are electricity (oil, natural gas, nuclear power) things that are made?
- Since all God made reveals power, they can also be used to reveal His everlasting power and divine nature, just like birds, lilies & grass.

The Parable of Electricity

- All that electricity produces is a result of God's everlasting power and divine nature.
- Everything it does to improve our life should bring praise, glory and honor to Him.
- It was designed and created by Him and the elements we use to make the tools were also created and designed by Him for us to subdue.
- Just like every time we see a bird, a lily or the grass of the field, every time we use electricity drive our car, mow our lawn: Praise and confidence are produced.

The Whole and Sum of its Parts

- *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, Ps. 8:3-6*

Everything We See and Do

- If we are wise, we need to assess how much of this we are doing.
- Multitudes walk through life blind. The things that are made mean nothing to them due to idolatry or Big Bang and Evolution.
- Yet, God revealed there is no excuse not to see His everlasting power here.
- We are torn in two directions, but we must never forget, God has said:
- *The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Ps 14:1*

This is My Father's World

- ***This is my Father's world,** And to my listening ears, All nature sings and round me rings, The music of the spheres.*
- ***This is my Father's world,** I rest me in the thought, Of rocks and trees, Of skies and seas, His hands the wonders wrought.*
- ***This is my Father's world,** The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.*
- ***This is my Father's world,** He shines in all that's fair, In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

- Nothing we possess was made without God's power and wisdom.
- We string wires from a dam to our home to use electricity God created, Nothing for us to glory.
- We only use what God created for us.
- No matter how great our creations, they are His and not ours.
- Devices in our home are made from God's materials and it all came through Him, for Him and unto Him.
- If we forget that, the cares of this world and desire for such things will change what reveals His power into something choking the word.
- Things made to create gratitude, adoration and praise can become the wedge that drives us away.

Power Brings Boldness and Confidence

- Abraham never wavered because He saw God's Power and trusted Him to do anything.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego faced the fiery furnaces because they knew God's power.
- David faced Goliath for the same reason.
- We have a great cloud of witnesses and we need to understand how they used these things to bring power and confidence.