

Emboldened in The Power of God

- His Everlasting Power and Divinity seen through the things that are made.
- Electricity or a Battery – Parables of His power.
- The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, energizing those who believe.
- This power is “*exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think*” and is “*working in us.*”
- Looking at the heavens and the majesty, vastness and variety of this creation reminds us daily of God’s omnipotence. Nothing is too hard for Him!

Working Properly We are Aware

● *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.” 1Chr. 29:11-12*

● *You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Isa. 26:3-4*

Divine Interventions Add to This

- The Flood, Sodom, Babel, Egypt,
- 10 Plagues, Red Sea, Mt Sinai, Conquest, Judges
- Goliath, Fiery Furnace, Lions Den
- With material creation as our foundation.
- These are simple things.
- *since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Heb. 12:1*

How We Access God's Power

- Lights have switches
- Appliances have plugs
- Cars have fuel tanks
- Christians have....?
- Faith!
- Trust that God **can** and **will** Intervene
- *For 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*
- Without this boldness we are vulnerable

We Simply must Become Aware

- *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. 5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. 6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.. Ps 145:1-7*

Power of God – Those Who Believe

- *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Isa. 40:25-31*

The Promises of God

- After Eve, and then Adam brought the curse upon themselves and their children.
- Yet God had promised even before the creation that He would give man eternal life
- *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, **promised** before time began, Titus 1:2-3*
- **HE STILL INTENDED TO KEEP THIS PROMISE!**
- *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel. Gen 3:15*

Heartache of Adam and Eve

- ▣ The crushing blow – Consequences of sin
- ▣ Unleashed by heeding the lies of the serpent
- ▣ Witnessing the affects of the curse firsthand.
- ▣ Reflected the damage to human heart.
- ▣ Yet Abel looking at the promise was faithful
- ▣ As Cain's heart darkened, dishonored God
- ▣ Anger, broke out in murder.
- ▣ Left the presence of Jehovah forever. (Gen. 3-4; Heb. 11:4; 1Jn. 3:10-12).
- ▣ God's Promise designed to give hope.

It Began with Abel

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Heb 11:13-16

Noah born 57 years after Adam died

- Dark days for the people of God relying on promise
- The earth increasingly corrupt and vile.
- As “*sons of God*” and “*daughters of men*” married.
- Noah’s 600th year, crisis of those *calling on name of Jehovah*, (Seth - Pilgrims), and those *living out of the presence of Jehovah*, (Cain) complete.
- Entire earth filled with violence with the treachery and selfishness that always accompany it.
- All the vile and evil in works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19)
- “vile passions” and “depraved mind” who refused to have God in their knowledge (Rom. 1:18-32).
- Among the darkest days faced by the children of God. (Gen. 5-6; Eccl. 1; 1Jn. 2:15-17).

Strangers and Exiles After Abel

- *she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel,” ... for Seth, to him also a son was born; ... Enosh. **Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.** Gen 4:25-26*
- How many, who, what they did, unrecorded.
- *Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Gen 5:24*
- *Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. Gen 6:9-10*
- *These all died in faith ... not having received the promises but having seen them afar off ...*

The Power of God's Promises

- It was how they endured “*evil companionship*” and “*corruption*” it brings.
- Regardless of trials they and their godly wives and children remained faithful to God before the flood.
- The power given to them was the power of God's promises. Always saw themselves as strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Never felt at home.
- *And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.*

The Power of God's Promise

- The promise led them to “*seek a homeland.*”
- Led them to “*come out*” “*of that country*”
- Never “*called to mind*” again.
- “*desired*” (*eagerly stretch*) “*a better country*”
- Though the garden of Eden was lost, God promised “*a better country*” and “*a city*”
- That was enough! Hope and desire for this city removed all other hopes and desires.
- Removed sting of discouragement of the loss.

The Power of God's Promise

- Opportunity to return to what was left in this world did not appeal to them.
- They loved God and the life He had created for them to live.
- They trusted His promise far more than anything that is here.
- For this, “*God is not ashamed to be called their God.*”
- If this is not how we feel, we need to get busy because we are not armored.

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- *10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God,*
- *12 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.*
- *17 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Eph 6:16-17*

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*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be
steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in vain
in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58*