

# Present With Power

Mr 9:1 And He Said To Them, "Assuredly, I Say To You That There Are Some Standing Here Who Will Not Taste Death Till They See The Kingdom Of God **Present With Power.**"

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Jesus said that when the kingdom of God comes, when they see it, **it will be present with power.** The word in the Greek is “dunamis” and it means these things:

- 1) **Strength, power, ability**
  - 1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing **by virtue of its nature**, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth
  - 1b) **power for performing miracles**
  - 1c) moral power and excellence of soul

## God's Kingdom Is Real

**The kingdom of God is not a philosophy, an idea, a hope; but a reality.** It is power, strength, and *virtue* manifesting in miraculous ways. In other words, *it is supernatural*. The power of God had been seen before with supernatural results through certain men of old. Moses is the most prominent for the signs, wonders, and miracles that were done through him against Pharaoh King of Egypt in delivering the children of Israel from slavery, established him among the people as God's prophet.

Now, however, God was doing a new thing in bringing the kingdom of God into the lives of all the people. Jesus told those he was training that they would see God's kingdom come with power. They would see it in this world, in this life, before they taste death. On the Day of Pentecost a great and mighty wind witnessed and represented the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. **It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.**

One hundred and twenty were present in the upper room when the Spirit descended and formed cloven tongues of fire upon each of them (Acts 2:2-4). They began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. That day Peter in the boldness and strength of the Spirit preached and three thousand souls were added. Then as the Book of Acts shows us, the miracle working power of the kingdom of God began to be manifest through at first the apostles and then the disciples:

Ac 2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, **and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.**

Ac 4:33 **And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Ac 5:12 And through **the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.** And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

Ac 5: 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, **bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**

Ac 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, **did great wonders and signs among the people.**

Ac 8:6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, **hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

The Apostle Paul wrote:

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,**

1Co 4:20 **For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.**

Jesus' ministry was characterized in this way:

Lu 4:36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! **For with authority and power He commands** the unclean spirits, and they come out."

Jesus ministered with power and authority which means He was a man of action and proof. He said to the religious leaders who murmured against Him:

Mr 2:9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '**Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?**'

## **God's Proof Is His Will**

God's proof of forgiveness of sins is healing power. God's proof of His compassion is feeding the five thousand and healing multitudes through Jesus (Matt. 9:36). God's proof of His presence among us is the invasion of His power to reverse the curse (Gal. 3:13)!

Lu 5:17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

We have often experienced God's presence without experiencing His power that is wrong and misrepresents the virtue of God's divine

nature. **The purest witness to God's power and grace is liberty, deliverance, forgiveness, healing, and His will being done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10).**

Consider this admonition from the book of James:

James 3:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?  
15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,  
16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, **what does it profit?**  
17 Thus also faith by itself, **if it does not have works, is dead.**

## Words Void Of Truth?

A strong part of this message is words without works that accompany them. Words with nothing to back them up are *useless* words.

Unprofitable words are *idle* words, empty, and devoid of purpose (Matt. 12:36). God's word and His works are one and the same. In God's kingdom they are never separated as they are here on earth. Often we speak of God's presence with no real expectation of His power. What does it profit to have His presence with little or no power? It must be immeasurably frustrating to the Lord to have His sons and daughters call for His presence with no expectation of transformation or power to change.

In fact, God speaks of His own word in this way:

Isa 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.**

Jesus used this argument to establish His validity before the Pharisees:

Joh 10:37 "**If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;**

38 “but if I do, though you do not believe Me, **believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.**”

Joh 14:10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? **The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

Joh 14:11 “**Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.**

It is an offensive theme to accuse someone of being a person who talks a lot but has nothing to back it up. There are sayings like, “What you do speaks so loud I can’t hear what you are saying.” We have derogative statements like, “He is just a blow horn...sounding off; there is nothing to what He says...” Or we’ll say things like, “His bark is worst than His bite.” We all know that words without action are profitless. God’s word includes this understanding listen to this verse:

Pr 25:14 **Whoever falsely boasts of giving Is like clouds and wind without rain.**

## **God’s Word Is Substance!**

**The kingdom of God is never supposed to be boasts without substance.** God never intends for His word or His presence to be without power. **I think many in the church have backed away from exercising the power of Jesus’ name because they don’t want to make boasts and build up someone’s hopes and expectations then see it not happen.** Many believe God can do anything but are afraid that God *may not do a thing*. It is such a hazard, trap, and difficult matter to overcome and press through when prayer for healing in desperate situations seem to go unanswered.

If there is one story there are many that have prayed for the sick and dying only to see it fail. Many Christians have had their own faith

shipwrecked by the failure to see God's power manifest when earnestly seeking it. I know of personal stories of people attempting to heal only to be embarrassed by the lack of it manifesting. "What if it doesn't work?" is a very familiar and often asked question.

If healing were our idea and we were trying to get God to do something He is reluctant to do, then we should be very cautious about calling for it; however, that is not the case. **The healing power of God is God's agenda (Isa. 53:4, 5).** When the father with the epileptic son came to Jesus after the disciples failed to cast out the demon what happened? The father asks Jesus, "But if You can do anything, *have compassion* on us and help us."

Mr 9: 22 "it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. **but if you can do anything,** take pity on us and help us!"

Jesus responded, '**if you can?**' all things are possible to him who believes." **There was NO sense in Jesus that God's Word could NOT, would NOT, and did NOT have power!** Jesus didn't separate God's Word from His Will; His presence from His power. Remember this is the same Jesus that now has become our life (Col. 3:4)!

When it comes to believing God we have separated His Word from His power. We have often trusted in the presence of God with *little respect* for its translating power. We drift and sway as to God's will in this matter. Many times it is the result of having failed in the area of healing.

## **God's Presence Is More Than Life**

**The first position we must take is that God's Word is His will (Col. 1:15).** Furthermore, we must understand that God's presence is even more powerful than the presence of electricity. His power is more consistent than the sun that shines. His power is more faithful than the air we breathe (Col. 1:16).

What is faith? It is the substance (power) of things hoped for; the evidence (reality) of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). Faith is not about words, images, ideas, and visions alone; it is about the power of God in demonstration (I Cor. 2:4).

**God is a God of faith and substance.** Our walk with Him should be a growing awareness of this truth. The more we know Him, the fellowship of His life within us, the more we'll experience the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10). We are supernatural people called to a supernatural kingdom. Signs, wonders, and miracles are everyday life in Him.

The second position is that we be convinced of this truth: **God's Word and Works are One and the Same.** His presence is never without confirming power of His glory (Mark 16:20). His glory is beautiful and there is no curse, no bondage, no addictions, and no sickness and disease that can remain in it (I John 4:18).

Our faith needs to be purified from contamination and corrupted thoughts about God's will. His word is power; His presence is the proof of that power...

**Ps 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.**

**In His presence is fullness of joy!** Consider what Jesus said about being full of joy:

Joh 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, **that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Joh 16:24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**

**In His presence are freedom, liberty, power, deliverance, righteousness, forgiveness, restoration, and healing...**

## **Conclusion:**

**How can we have fullness of joy while suffering the curse?** How can we have fullness of joy while standing in condemnation and guilt? How can we have fullness of joy while remaining burdened with unforgiveness? **Fullness of joy is being made whole, healthy, alive, and free from judgment and condemnation (Rom. 8:1).**

Ps 16:11 You will show me the path of life; **In Your presence is fullness of joy;** At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

God's grace in Christ is His presence with power for our everyday life! We have the greatest resource within our own spirit. God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5)! We have been made One with the Lord (John 17:23). The Spirit of Christ dwells in us....therefore,

2Co 4:7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.**

The excellence of God's grace to us is the gift of right standing in Christ (Rom. 5:17). We have this power and glory dwelling within our hearts. His presence is not devoid of power to transform (II Cor. 3:18); God's word in us does not return to Him void. His presence is power to everyone who believes (Rom. 1:16)! The treasure of God is in us; His presence! We have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His dear son (Col. 1:13)! **The kingdom is present with power within us; it is resurrection life!** Amen.

John 11: 25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life..."**