A simple word study on…

**The Power of God**

**Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

Reading **Matthew 22:29** and **Mark** **12:24**, one reads that not knowing the scriptures is a sure way of not knowing the power of God! The people in Jesus’ days on the earth, the people erred! They did NOT know the scriptures.

Isn’t that hard to imagine! Jesus was there – on the earth and yet they erred because the didn’t know the scriptures? Yes, that is EXACTLY what Jesus said…

***Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err,***

***not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.***

**Matthew 22:29**

***And Jesus answering said unto them,***

***Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures,***

***neither the power of God?***

**Mark 12:24**

*Now at this point in my studying, and typical of me, I would take a break from this ‘subject’ and move on to the word ‘****err****‘ and see what the scriptures say about the word, too, suddenly having two word studies going on at the same time.*

*However, I will wait until I finish this specific word study on the* ***power of God****. But remember, you sure don’t need me to do your word study for you! You know the procedure… copy, paste and print all the verses from* ***Genesis*** *to* ***Revelation*** *with the word ‘****err’*** *(24 verses and it stops in James… hmmm, interesting, eh?) – then sit back and read, jot down your thoughts, etc. and let me know your conclusion, always remembering that what APPLIES to us today will be what the Paul says about ‘****err’*** *in his books. But I always find it very interesting to see the different dispensational applications when I study like this. It is that simple, yet you will also see immediately how people and pastors today misapply the various dispensational uses of the words you will look up. So, as Jesus said, they err because they do not know the scriptures.*

*You will see that this particular writing is only about the dispensational observations of the Power of God. I will get into more detail of the power of God for us today during the dispensation of the grace of God in a second writing.*

*I know – I am already behind in my writings… I still have a part III to do – keep reminding me Steve!*

So, here we go:

1. **Power of God During the Old Testament**

* **Exo 32:11 *And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?***

During the OT days, it is obvious as we read that God’s power certainly was raised in those mighty physical miracles and events that involved relatively few people and or thousands of people. Remembering, of course, that Jews always have and still do require a sign… Unfortunately, after all the signs, miracles and wonders, the Jews still never did believe – still don’t and probably never will.

Remember – it is the Gentiles today – us, you and me… that DO NOT require a sign – yet in the dispensation of the grace of God, signs and miracles (so-called) and wonders (to the modern man, anyway) play a huge part in people’s beliefs!

Unfortunately, if one were to KNOW the scriptures, they would realize that God is NOT producing signs, miracles and wonders today. However, Satan is, though – anything to keep people believing in a gospel that is not the true gospel – just ‘another’ gospel that is not another… **Galatians 1:6-8** ***I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.***

And who wants to hear that what they just saw in the news or in real life, or personally experienced that healed them, etc. is NOT from God but from Satan? Oh ya, that always works! I heard it said once, that a false teaching is a ‘truth’ preached in a wrong dispensation! Yup – that makes total sense.

We also know that if someone is preaching something from the wrong dispensation, then he is not rightly dividing the word of truth. Instead, he is actually teaching profane and vain babblings: that will increase unto more ungodliness, which it has done during these days, and those good words and fair speeches will eat as doth a cankcr! AND we are supposed to withdraw from them! Why is that so difficult to understand – or even better, why is that so hard to do?

Well, that is the crux of this whole article as well as website. Most of you from the webfamily who have read this far already know this. But if you want to continue, here we go!

* **2Ch 20:6 *And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?***

Now THAT is power – so none is able to withstand thee! And remember, any reference to ‘heathen’ is referring to the Gentiles. All that took place in the OT, when the ‘heathen’ were on the winning side against the Israelites, God was simply allowing it to take place. He could have stopped them at any time – which He did quite often, still.

Understanding help: if you read through that verse quickly, you might think that it says there is not power and might and thus the Heathen wee able to withstand thee. But that isn’t what it says! It says, if we needed it reworded (and we don’t…) “Isn’t there so much power and might in God’s hand that none is able to withstand thee!” But see, we do NOT NEED another Bible that would say it that way. It is NOT a better way… just learn to read and understand a simple 5th grade reading level Bible (well, it was back in the 20th century, anyway). God says the way it makes total sense… ***in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?*** It is not a statement; it is in a question format.

Side note: do you realize that the ‘ten commandments’ were given to the Jews only – NOT to the Gentiles? Ever wonder about that?

* **Ezr 8:22 *For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.***

Remember – Old Testament! That is NOT the way God is operating today. This is the dispensation of the grace of God. This is NOT the days of the severity of God. See**Romans 11:22**and**Ephesians 3**and especially**Romans 2:5,6 *- But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:***

In other words, those that forsake and reject God will eventually receive God’s wrath… White Throne Judgment, etc. But until **Romans 11:22** takes place, even the lost are experiencing God’s grace… for now, but not forever,and certainly not much longer. Do a study on God’s wrath, if you want.

* **Psa 66:3 *Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.***

The word “terrible,” by the way, not meaning like we tend to use the word today – meaning very bad, etc. but as it is defined and used properly as: 1. Frightful; adapted to excite terror; dreadful; formidable. 2. Adapted to impress dread, terror or solemn awe and reverence.

The ‘lost’ will someday submit themselves to God – but then it will be too late!

And most pastors today use this premise to try to scare people to ‘get saved’ so they won’t’ have to face God’s power and wrath in their daily lives or afterwards… in other words, the severity of God.

Reminder again – **Romans 11:22** tells us that fear of the severity of God was what was taught to the Jews but to us Gentiles, it is the goodness of God and today, it is the goodness of God that people are rejecting because they want nothing to do with a King James Bible, rightly dividing and Paul only! It is the goodness of God that should be leading people to the risen Saviour, not the fear of the severity of God!

Today’s preachers and pastor just have it all wrong! ***…despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;* Romans 2:4,5**

This is a good time to ask two questions, “*Do you know what the goodness of God is, today? Do you know the importance of the goodness of God when compared to the severity of God? Doctrinally and dispensationally?”* If all you can think of is, “*God is great, God is good, let us thank him for this food, Amen*!” may I suggest you start another bible study. I have already studied the goodness of God many times – it is a fantastic study. Check it out for yourself and/or check it out on my website!

Now, on to the **Gospels of** **Matthew**, **Mark**, **Luke**, **John** and doctrinally, this also includes **Acts 1-8**. I say that for reasons too numerous to mention now for it would give me more pages than I should have for this study – Anyway, if you know me then you know why I say the **Gospels** include **Acts 1-8.**

1. **Power of God During the Old Testament & The Gospels**

Note: There can be no new testament until the death of the testator, (**Hebrews 9:16,17**), so doctrinally, the Gospels are still considered OT and were written TO the Jews; not to us Gentiles today!

So, with that in mind, let’s see what the power of God was during this time of history.

**The two key verses for this entire study:**

1. **Mat 22:29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.***
2. **Mar 12:24 *And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?***

(Notice that the word ‘***ye’*** is referring to ‘***them’*** plural! ‘Y’ is always plural {like ***ye***, ***yea***, and ya’ll} and ‘T’ in ***Thee*** and ***Thou*** is always singular. – By the way, knowing that simple English grammar rule corrects the common doctrinal misuse of **John 3:7** when people incorrectly say they are ‘born again’ instead of ‘***quickened’***.)

* **Luk 1:35 *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.***

It was the power of God that brought Jesus to the earth ***– when the word was made flesh and dwelt among us…*** See **Acts 10:38**

* **Luk 9:43 *And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God …***

Reading**verses 37-43*,*** we see that Jesus cast out the unclean spirits of a child. Yes, that would be amazing to see… but today, it is not of God!

* **Act 8:10 *To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.***

Reading the context in verses **9-11**, we see the very same thing that pastors are doing today… bewitching their congregations, deceived and deceiving by teaching Jewish teachings to Gentiles and people think these pastors are just ‘wonderful men called by God’ who talks to these holy men through the ‘original Greek,’ etc.

1. **Power of God According to Paul**

**Paul is to be Our Only Apostle to Us Today!**

*Not any of the original twelve!*

* **Act 10:38 *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.***

This was part of Peter’s testimony to the Jews about who this Jesus was. This is NOT written to us directly. This is a review of the past. Keep reading verses **39-43**. Peter’s commission was to the Jews – for Peter, is called the gospel of the circumcision (Jews) - **Galatians 2: 7,8** - while Paul’s was called the gospel of the uncircumcision (Gentiles).

*This is extremely simple, folks, that if people don’t get this, they simply err not knowing the scriptures. So much religion today just blinds people!*

Anyway – moving on…

* **Act 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.***

Notice that we are turned from the power of Satan but are NOT turned unto the POWER of God! Contrary to how modern Christians think, we do not have the power of God in our grasp. We can not flash a cross with our fingers and drive out devils. We can not heal people. We cannot produce miracles and miracles will not happen in us because we think we have the power of God. Snakes CAN kill us. Poison CAN kill us!

P.S. I have taught a ton of information and sermons from that single verse. There is a lot in that verse!!!

* **Rom 1:4 *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:***

See **Acts 10:38 *- …God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power…***

* **Rom 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

Ok, now here is the first official point of what the Power of God is for us today. Simply put, it is the ***gospel of Christ***! While this will take another sermon to get into the details, many of you already know much about the gospel of Christ… and you even know some detailed particulars, I am sure.

Just know that the gospel of Christ is about the risen Jesus Christ. The gospel of Jesus, etc. would be when He was with the apostles. Paul is the one who used the word Christ, meaning the risen Christ.

Obvious conclusion to this verse… Following the teachings of Jesus to the Jews during the times of the gospels is not the power of God today. So, the modern ‘born-again’ (as they like to call themselves) Christians today, who think they have the power of God in their “blessed” lives are totally wrong.

How could that be, you ask? It is because they do not know the scriptures, so they do not know the power of God. They continue to reject, as do their pastors, the teachings of the risen Christ through Paul. They are rejecting the power of God in their lives as they blindly follow the devil himself with another gospel…

…and on and on I could go - as many of you have heard me – and will again if I can find anyone willing to listen!!! Once I get started, I can’t stop – people can’t even swallow all that I just throw at them. I must learn to contain this joyful news, I guess.

* **Rom 9:22 *What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:***

What a great question Paul proposes here. Be sure to read verses **23,24,** too. He is proposing to the Jews exactly what is taking place with the Gentiles. The Gentiles are now witnessing the power of God because He is now making known the riches of his glory to the Gentiles.

* **Rom 15:13 *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.***

The power of God today not only gives us the Holy Ghost through an operation made without hands (Colossians), we are sealed as stated in **Ephesians 1:13,14**. Why any self-proclaiming Christian would not believe in being sealed is **1)** not a KJB believer; **2)** doesn’t understand what takes place at one’s own salvation; **3)** doesn’t really think much of God for them to doubt that God would have that kind of grace and love towards anyone; **4)** are still caught up in the doctrine of the Old Testament / Gospels.

And that, my friend, is why we may / and should abound in hope because from this truth in **verse 13**, we should be filled with all joy and peace… it certainly isn’t because of anything we have done, or are doing or will be doing! God’s power today is Him giving us the Holy Ghost as the gospel of Christ teaches to us today!

* **Rom 15:19 *Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.***

Paul is NOT using signs and wonders when he moves on to the Gentiles only. He used them with the Jews – and during his transition to the Gentiles Only. Again, he did NOT include mighty signs and wonders in his ministry as the apostle to the Gentiles.

The gospel of Christ is not the same as the gospel of Jesus, as taught in the Gospels. There are major contrasts between the doctrines taught to the Jews by the twelve apostles when compared to the gospel of Christ – meaning the risen Saviour – and that gospel is what Paul teaches to the Gentiles.

* **1Co 1:18 *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.***

While see a huge emphasis on the cross in sermons today, and realizing that what took place on the cross is key, but we also have to realize what took place AFTER the cross. The entire concept of the cross is most important and is identifiable for Christianity, but as Paul’s ministry to the Gentiles is all about ‘Beyond the Crucifixion!’ The Old Rugged Cross is NOT our symbol of Christianity. I have said for years, if you want to wear some jewelry about Christianity, then wear a little 14 K Bible – open book.

Speaking of jewelry, ask somebody who doesn’t believe in Christianity – or even go to the satanic worldly people – even witches, etc. why they wear a cross? What does the cross mean to those people?

And if you are a Christian, why would you want to glorify the very thing that Christ died upon? And one more thing, if Christ is OFF the cross now, why glorify the cross, knowing what it’s purpose was? Wouldn’t you rather glorify something that would represent His words since he rose OFF the cross?

But at any rate, back to the verse. The cross must still be preached – people must know what Jesus’ life was like, and that was the Gospels, of course. Paul preaches it in **I Corinthians 15:1-8.** However, for application, we must go to Paul only – the part of the Scriptures that the risen Christ told Paul to write. An amazing observation: while the preaching of the cross is foolishness to the lost person, why is preaching the KJB foolish to someone who calls themselves a Christian – in fact, it actually angers many today!

* **1Co 1:24 *But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.***

We see again that during the New Testament (to us today), the power of God is Christ Himself, as taught by Paul to the Gentiles and is found only in a King James Bible as all the other Bibles take away and add various teachings that do not match up with the gospel of Christ, as taught by Paul.

* **1Co 2:5 *That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.***

So. the scholars, professors, teachers, etc. flash their Greek knowledge from the so-called ‘originals’ and give the appearance that they know more about what Christ says than any bible or any common person. Their wisdom is what religions are built upon.

Unfortunately, the very words and doctrinal teachings from the risen Christ are ignored and rejected by those same scholars and pastors, etc. by their own wisdom.

The common church going member will listen to his pastor teaching completely false doctrine when it comes to the Risen Saviour today. Unfortunately, people’s faith is based on that scholarship while they completely miss out on the very faith of Jesus Christ.

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

Now that we see the conclusion and realize that the power of God is Christ, then the wisdom of man’s good words and fair speeches mean nothing. Keep in mind that the kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom, not the earthly one – so having all these fancy church buildings, programs, etc. mean nothing to God today. If they were tools to preach the truth based on **Ephesians 4** instead of **Acts 2**, they would be ok.

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

Now that we see the conclusion and realize that the power of God is Christ, this verse is self-explanatory, as most of the verses in Paul’s books are if one realizes how to rightly divide the word of truth.

* **2Co 6:7 *By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,***

Now that we see the conclusion and realize that the power of God is Christ, this verse is also self-explanatory.

* **2Co 13:4 *For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.***

And once again, now that we see the conclusion and realize that the power of God is Christ, this verse is also self-explanatory – and has some tremendous truth for us to hang tight with.

* **Eph 3:7 *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.***

Makes simple sense now, doesn’t it!

* **2Ti 1:8 *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;***

Ahh – now this verse is not one of great joy because it reminds us that along with rightly dividing the word of truth, as was Christ rejected and had a life of affliction, so did Paul and his followers and as do we, if we follow the teachings of the risen Saviour through the teachings of the apostle Paul as found in word by word detail in a King James Bible.

It can be encouraging, though – because we find out that being physically blessed and happy in this world is NOT the test of truth, which is encouraging in that it reminds us that ‘our day’ is coming in eternity, not today. And so the afflicted life seems to be easier to deal with if one knows the power of God, which is the risen Christ, is in their life!

1. **The Power of God during the Future Tribulation**

* **1Pe 1:5 *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

A more detailed study shows that their own faith will be needed to keep their salvation because their faith will be based on their walk, not on imputed righteousness, etc.. If they don’t take the mark 666, etc. then the power of God will reveal their salvation in the end…

* **Rev 12:10 *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.***

Yes, the power of God will eventually put Satan in his place. **Revelation 19+**

***Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.***

***They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying,***

***Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;***

***That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof;***

***that opened not the house of his prisoners?***

**Isaiah 14:15-17**

***And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive***

***into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.***

**Rev 19:20,21**