

POWER FROM ON HIGH
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INTRODUCTION:

We live in a fallen world ruled by unseen spiritual forces that steal, kill and destroy. Jesus called Satan the prince of the power of the air. Paul called him the god of this world. These forces have no good intentions, and are constantly looking for opportunities to devour us. To deal with these forces we face here below; we need power from above – from on high.

LUKE 24:49

Jesus opened the word; their hearts burned; He gave them their work orders; now He instructs them to wait until they are clothed with power from on high before transacting business for Him on earth.

- Jesus knew they needed power. Not natural, intellectual, political, psychic or military power. They needed power from on high.

ACTS 1:4-5, 8

Jesus had a bucket list: reveal the Father, do His will, serve, save the lost, destroy the works of the devil and make it possible for every believer to be clothed with power from on high. Power is Dunamis, dynamite (**ACTS 10:38**).

- **JOHN 7:37-39** – To make it possible, He had to be crucified, resurrected and glorified. Because of His resurrection and glorification, it's possible for every believer to be clothed with this power. In the Old Testament, only the prophet, priest and king were anointed. Now every believer can be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

JOHN 14:16-18 (AMPC)

Jesus talked much about the Spirit before leaving earth. He said every believer should receive the Holy Spirit. Why? Because spiritual enemies must be dealt with with spiritual powers.

- **V16** – Paraclete – comforter, counselor, helper, advocate, intercessor, strengthener and standby.
- **V17** – The world can't receive Him, only believers can. The world can receive Jesus, then receive the Spirit.
- **V18** – Jesus sent the Spirit so we wouldn't be orphans left to navigate through life without the love and help of parents. God is not an infidel.

ACTS 19:1-7

Today, many have become so seeker sensitive that they've become Holy Spirit insensitive. They've become so concerned about creating an environment that pleases the seeker, that they've ignored the one we're supposed to be seeking. No true seeker of God is going to be run off by the power of God. We have a responsibility to show this generation the true manifestation of the power of God.

PSALMS 71:18

- Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Notice the progression: believe = salvation; receive = the Holy Spirit.
- **LEVITICUS 14:14-18** – First the Blood = salvation; second the oil = the anointing of the Spirit. The Blood prepares us for heaven, the oil prepares us for service.

MATTHEW 12:43

The devil walks through dry places, but believers have rivers of living water in them.

JOHN 7:37-39 Only Jesus can satisfy our thirst. Thirsty, come and drink!

- If we desire heaven, it's the Blood that qualifies us. If we desire to face life and deal with the devil, we need the power of the Word and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Are you thirsty? It's time to drink!