

THE POWER OF GOD

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MATTHEW 22:23-33 (ERV)

- The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection. In response, Jesus points out two things: the scriptures, and the power of God. If they believed the scriptures and knew the power of God, they would believe in the resurrection.
- God wants us to believe His Word and in His power. We are to have faith in what He says, and in His ability to do what He says.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

- Is the manifestation of God's power affected by one's belief? Does God's power save someone who views preaching the cross as foolishness? God's power is manifested where people believe the gospel.
- **V22-24** – Three groups: Jews, Greeks, called: Jews - want power, but not the cross. Greeks - want intellectual wisdom, but not of the cross. The called - view Christ as the power and wisdom of God. We need both today as they did then. **ROMANS 1:16**

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

- Paul was highly educated. He spoke multiple languages, he was a brilliant orator and author, but he wasn't there to impress them with his intellectualism. He preached the cross and demonstrated God's power so they would develop faith in the power of God.

2 TIMOTHY 3:5

- Even among believers God's power is denied today. Falling under the power, tongues and spiritual manifestations. What many want is wisdom, not power.
- Our faith in the power affects the manifestation of the power of God.

ACTS 1:8

The church began with power (dunamis, dynamite, force, might, power that makes able. Faith in the power comes from hearing.

- **JEREMIAH 10:12, 32:17** Creation reveals God's amazing power. How much power does it take to create and run a universe? The sun is 93 million miles away from the earth and we still feel it's warmth. The moon is 238,856 miles away and controls our oceans with gravity. **ROMANS 1:19-20** Creation reveals God's power.
- **1 CHRONICLES 29:11-12 (NCV)** God's power is limitless. If He can create a universe, He can pay our bills, fix our problems, deliver us and heal our bodies.

ACTS 4:23-24

By focusing on God's creative power, they minimized the problem and maximized the solution – God's great power.

- If the earthquake, wind or fire causes damage, it's not God. The earthquake (here, Paul and Silas); the wind (Pentecost); the fire (Moses' bush, Pentecost), unless you're the enemy.

ACTS 2:1-4

The wind and fire caused no physical damage, but brought great damage to the kingdom of darkness.

EXODUS 15:6-7 (NLT)

Who would want to go up against our God.

EPHESIANS 1:18-23 (NLT)

God's wants us to understand that the greatness of His power was used to benefit us. Now, we are to use it to benefit mankind.