



God's Power Expressed

A Teaching Outline

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The lines of time cannot erase
The Love God holds within his grasp.

The decade of time and yearly bliss,
Serve only to enlarge and grow God's mercy and His grace.

Supreme, sublime and transference of God power,
Engulf, design and manifest this power to maintain his plan.

Unskilled man become great men of skill,
As the Holy Spirit within them moves upon them,
To produce without error the manifestation of God's power.

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Psalm 29:3

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; The God of glory thunders, The LORD is over many waters.

A voice that could split the cedars of Lebanon would be a truly powerful voice—the voice of God. All that was impressive to people was under God's complete control.

Throughout history, God has revealed his power through mighty miracles over nature, such as the great Flood (Genesis 6-9). He promises to continue to reveal his power.

Paul urged us to understand how great God's power is (Ephesians 1:18-23).

The same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to help us with our daily problems. When you feel weak and limited, don't despair. Remember that God can give you strength. The same power that controls creation and raises the dead is available to you.

His voice is a mighty voice.

Psalm 68:33

To Him who rides upon the highest heavens, which are from ancient times; Behold, He speaks forth with His voice, a mighty voice.

God sets his people free and crushes his enemies. Salvation is freedom from sin and death. Those who refuse to turn to God will be crushed by sin and death. They will be trapped by the sin they loved and destroyed by the death they feared. How much better it will be for those who love God and fear the consequences of sin.

The finger of God demonstrates great power.

Exodus 8:19

Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Some people think, "If only I could see a miracle, I could believe in God." God gave Pharaoh just such an opportunity.

When gnats infested Egypt, even the magicians agreed that this was God's work ("the finger of God")—but still Pharaoh refused to believe.

He was stubborn, and stubbornness can blind a person to the truth. When you rid yourself of stubbornness, you may be surprised by abundant evidence of God's work in your life.

God has ordained the moon and stars.

Psalm 8:3

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained;

When we look at the vast expanse of creation, we wonder how God could be concerned for people who constantly disappoint him. Yet God created us only a little lower than himself and the angels!

The next time you question your worth as a person, remember that God considers you highly valuable. We have great worth because we bear the stamp of the Creator. Because God has already declared how valuable we are to him, we can be set free from feelings of worthlessness.

The hand of God may also bring judgment.

Exodus 9:3

Behold, the hand of the LORD will come with a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks.

God gave Pharaoh many opportunities to heed Moses' warnings. But finally God seemed to say, "All right, Pharaoh, have it your way," and Pharaoh's heart became permanently hardened. Did God intentionally harden Pharaoh's heart and overrule his free will? No, he simply confirmed that Pharaoh freely chose a life of resisting God.

Similarly, after a lifetime of resisting God, someone may find it impossible to turn to him. Don't wait until just the *right* time before turning to God. Do it now while you still have the chance. If you continually ignore God's voice, eventually you will be unable to hear it at all.

God created the heavens and the earth.

Isaiah 48:13

"Surely My hand founded the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand together.

The people of Judah felt confident because they lived in Jerusalem, the city with God's Temple. They depended on their heritage, their city, and their Temple—but this was false security because they did not depend on God. Do you feel secure because you go to church or live in a Christian country? Heritage, buildings, or nations cannot give us a relationship with God; we must truly depend on him personally, with all our hearts and minds.

There was nothing in the people's actions, attitudes, or accomplishments to compel God to love and to save them. But for his own sake, to show who he is and what he can do, he saved them. God does not save us because we are good but because he loves us and because of his forgiving nature.

Do you find it easy to complain when your life becomes complicated or difficult? Why would a loving God allow all kinds of unpleasant experiences to come to his children?

This verse shows us plainly that God tests us in the "furnace of suffering." Rather than complain, our response should be to turn to God in faith for the strength to endure and rejoice in our sufferings (see Romans 5:3; James 1:2-4). For without the testing, we would never know what we are capable of doing, nor would we grow.

And without the refining, we will not become more pure and more like Christ. If you are facing adversity or suffering, seek God and his refining work in your life.

The voice and power of God thunders his power.

Job 40:9

"Or do you have an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like His?"

God had shown Job that, as a limited human being, he had neither the ability to judge the God who created the universe nor the right to ask why.

God's actions do not depend on our actions. He will do what he knows is best, regardless of what we think is fair. It is important to note, however, that God came to Job, demonstrating his love and care for him.

All the earth may see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God.

Jerusalem was God's holy city, the city with God's Temple. But the people of Judah experienced ruin instead of prosperity, destruction instead of liberty. Because of their sins, the people suffered.

But God promised to restore Jerusalem as a holy city where sinners cannot enter. God reigns. Put your entire faith and confidence in his ability to control the course of history—and your life.

Who can understand the fringes of God's ways?

Job 26:14

"Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; and how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

Job has the distinction of giving the longest speech in the book—six chapters— weaving together pictures of God's mystery and power in a beautiful poem of trust. Compassion produces greater results than criticism or blame.

An invitation is given to open your heart's door.

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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