

Power

"ye shall receive power, after that
the Holy Ghost is come
upon you"
Acts 1:8

① There is some thing in the human be-
ing that makes him admire power.
We read of Hercules and Samson with
much interest. Theirs was physical power.

② See the locomotive, the air-
plane, and the big ship and their power aston-
ishes us. ^{replace 4, 5, 6 with 3}

③ The greatest need of the age is spiritual power.
The Bible is the only book that tells us how to get it.
The Holy Ghost is the only supreme power of
God. When man receives Him he receives
THE power.

④ Now let us study open heartedly about
this power.
"ye shall receive power" whom was this
addressed to? This was addressed to the apostles
who had been with the master three years. your duty
extensive with this movement just launched you
must have POWER

Power! Power!! Power!!! Everything
needs power. Politicians have rallies, military men
bring & bear all the energy of science and in-
vention to get more power. Merchants adver-
tise to generate power to turn people to their stock of
goods. Students seek physical power on athletic fields
and mental power in class room. So many people
have gone to cities that farmers have to produce
their stuff so farming is being overhauled.
The most power is being obtained. Use

hear that only in matters of religion are
men failing for lack of power. Let's see,
only 2 men out of each 100 make a success
in life. 95 in each 100 about 65 are de-
pendent upon others for food and shelter.
only 2 in 100 can pay funeral expenses
and leave a year's ration for wife and
children. ^{Everyone want power}
^{man once possessed here but has lost his power}
Now 4, 5, 6.

This spiritual power then is needed in the
Church. we have Church buildings, big member-
ships, preachers with college and seminary diplomas
but do we have power - the power? we feel that
we are saved but is that all? Is that all the
Church needs in a day like this? When did we
have a conversion in this church? you are do-
ing splendidly in your finances.

Churches should be life-saving stations to the storm-
tossed pilgrims of earth. Are we doing it? The family
altar is almost a thing of the past. I have a little
book that is proving this. Lack of Power

Has the Holy Spirit changed His mode of operation?
He came upon fishermen and they preached to
people to whom they would not have dared preach
B.C. the baptism.

This supreme need is the supreme
promise. "ye shall receive power after that
the Holy Ghost is come upon you" — Then when
the day of Pentecost had fully come, the Holy
Ghost came rushing and filling both the room
and the people.

Some people see in this power got a apostle
alone but Peter's cry has moved and to all people
of the coming centuries. "This is for you and your
children and as many as are a for off and as many as

the Lord our God shall call." Every saint may know just as much of the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost to-day as did the "Upper room" company.

He works through personality. He descends when He enters. His is a foreign substance & causes friction. Then in order to have Him and His power we must keep our out. you can see this. Put H₂O in container with oil and oil gets out - it is lighter. Heavy water will sink and out.

True religion is the only instrument that will reach and save a cold, unregenerated world.

When?

He will be received when we meet the conditions. He comes not by chance but by prescribed law. The conditions were met in the upper room, and He came.

We have got to have Him for special power of coming souls. The people of special power just preceding Christ had to have Holy Ghost.

① The Virgin

② Elizabeth, mother of the Baptist, "was filled with the Holy Ghost."

③ John Baptist himself was filled with Holy Ghost from his mother's womb.

④ Barnabas was full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

Spirit filled lives were the normal life just after Pentecost. That is the only kind of church life that will bring the results of the church in the early days.

① They that received were prepared, not sinners but converted men. you may call this "second blessing" or 3rd or 4th etc. Some of them had been told that their names were written in heaven. Paul said to disciples at Ephesus "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

② If the 120 had only to present themselves as converted men and women there would have been no need of waiting 40 days in "upper room"

Dr. Wumberly has said, "the miner brings his lost, defiled soul to many a seat for Gordon, the candle brings a redemptive soul with all its hope, powers, talents, aspirations, and possessions to the altar for a supreme dying out or turning over to the Lord". The sacrifice is a burning one.

This power comes after entire consecration - that is a great testimony for us. The poet caught the thought when he sang:

"Oh for a heart to praise my God
A heart from our set free
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely spilt for me.
A heart resigned, submissive, meek
And full of love divine
Perfect and right pure and good.
A copy Lord of Thine

where there is power it is exemplified usually. Especially when needed.

The S.O.D. Example

The wire line starting 75 ton power dynamite.

Wagon falls
Peter -
Paul -