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Power of God May 19, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

Luke 24.49 NASB

⁴⁹ And behold, **I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you;** but you are to stay in the city until you are **clothed with power from on high.**"

John 14.16-17 NASB

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;**
¹⁷ *that is* **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you.**

John 16.13-15 NASB

¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth;** for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and **He will disclose to you what is to come.** ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for **He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.** ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

Acts 1.8 NIV

⁸ But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

We are clothed with power and Holy Spirit – this is the promise and provision of God. Dunamis power is an explosive force; specifically, miraculous power. Another definition of power is the ability to influence the course of events.

The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon Samson and the ropes that bound him could not hold him. He grabbed a jawbone of a donkey and struck down a thousand men. The power of God came through Samson's hair. With Gideon the power of God was demonstrated through a sound as glass jars were broken on rocks the enemy was terrified and defeated. Elijah called on the power of God to fall from heaven and devour the sacrifice. The prophets of Baal were killed and Israelites fell on their faces and worshipped God. Jehoshaphat sent the worshippers in front of the army and the power of the sound of worship caused the enemy to turn on themselves. When the people and saw Him heal the sick by the power of God they were astonished. They had never seen the power of God demonstrated in this way. Paul said he wanted to preach the gospel with a demonstration of the Spirit's power. There is power in the name of Jesus. In each of these biblical accounts the explosive power of God changed the course of events.

The explosive force and power of God cannot be packaged to be demonstrated in any one specific way. The power of God can be released through a sound or fall as fire from heaven or come through hair never being cut. As we come into Pentecost 2020 God is saying take the limits off. There is a new demonstration of God's power coming for what is needed to influence the outcome as God deems. Be ready and don't miss it. Don't box God in and expect His move and power to look a certain way. The last words Jesus spoke on the earth were about waiting to receive power when Holy Spirit comes upon you.

The power of God is connected to being a witness. A witness sees and then testifies or speaks about what he saw. The testimony of Jesus is prophesy. See and say. This is the year of the mouth, breath and speaking, all of which are through the power of Holy Spirit.

Galatians 6.15 TPT

...The only thing that really matters is **living by the transforming power** of this wonderful new creation life.

1 Corinthians 1.30 TPT

³⁰ For **it is not from man that we draw our life but from God** as we are **being joined to Jesus**, the Anointed One. And now he is our God-given wisdom, our virtue, our holiness, and our redemption.

1 Corinthians 2.15-16 TPT

¹⁵ **Those who live in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things**, and they are subject to the scrutiny of no one *but God*. ¹⁶ For who has ever intimately known the mind of the Lord Yahweh well enough to become his counselor?

Christ has, and **we possess Christ's perceptions**.

Romans 7.6 TPT

⁶ But now that we have been fully released from the power of the law, we are dead to what once controlled us. And our lives are no longer motivated by the obsolete way of following the written code, so that now we may **serve God by living in the freshness of a new life in the power of the Holy Spirit**.

Acts 4.29-30 TPT

²⁹ So now, Lord, listen to their threats to harm us. **Empower us, as your servants, to speak the word of God freely and courageously.** ³⁰ **Stretch out your hand of power through us** to heal, and to move in signs and wonders by the name of your holy Son, Jesus!

One thing God has spoken – power belongs to Him. You are all powerful. Your mighty power, Lord, is over Detroit and our nation. Your power and might breaks the back of Your enemies. In Your great mercy and love You release Your power to bring about Your purposes to change the course of events. We declare the purposes of God are rooted in Detroit and in our nation. The purposes of God will not be thwarted or denied. Unleash Your power and overtake Your enemies. Shut the mouth of the naysayers – those who deny Your existence and Your sovereignty. The earth is Yours. The cities and nations belong to You. Demonstrate Your great power over the earth for all to see – that there is One True God that stands alone over all.

You sustain all things by the power of Your word. Your word is the governing power behind all things. Let Your voice thunder in marvelous ways that are beyond our understanding. Unleash Your roar over our land. Fill Your hand with lightning and command it to strike the mark. These are the days of Your increasing power and mighty demonstrations of Your glory. You are exalted in power over our city and our nation.

You alone are righteous in all of Your ways. You give orders bringing in the new, determining when dawn takes its place. You release Your power to bring breakthrough. You take the earth by the edges, shaking the wickedness out of it. Detroit takes shape like clay under Your seal. The wicked are denied their light and their upraised arm is broken by Your Almighty power. You alone are the Maker of the heavens and the earth. You, Almighty God, determine the course of events and their timing.