

THE SEARCH FOR POWER

Among men there is a common desire for power. It is sought after by all men whether consciously or not.

If we look at what men do with their lives it is easily seen that power is what all seek after.

Men search for wealth to have power; they seek political office so as to have power.

Even the striving for education can be seen as a search for power.

There are different types of power desired, from physical power to power in order to influence people with words or even music but it is power nonetheless that men seek after.

There are people who go to fortune tellers, to mediums and to witches to obtain power. Power is sought after in many areas and in many ways.

In the Bible we see Nicodemus who was moved by seeing power manifested.

Joh 3:1 ¶ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Nicodemus saw power and was moved to go to Jesus even if it put him in jeopardy with his peers. He no doubt wanted this same power. [\(Could Nicodemus have been curious about Jesus' relationship to God since he figured Jesus could not possess the power on His own?\)](#)

The rich young ruler was also caught by this desire. He came to Jesus asking how to obtain eternal life. He no doubt had heard Jesus speak and seen Him minister to the sick and he wanted what he saw.

The desire of these two men to have what they saw is not an evil desire; it is common to all men.

Let's look at this in a little different way now. In scripture we find that the LORD intended man to have power or authority.

Ge 1:26 ¶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Ps 8:6 You have made him (man) to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

This drive that is in man for power or dominion was given to man by the LORD GOD but at the fall in the garden it was perverted and distorted.

The LORD did intend man to rule and has never changed HIS mind but there had to be restoration of the dominion mandate given originally to man before the fall.

That restoration has come through the cross and the shed blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

While Jesus was on the earth in His earthly ministry everything He said, everything He did was a manifestation of the power of God through a man who was under the rule of God. This can be said another way, the Kingdom of God was made manifest in all Jesus said or did. He demonstrated the rule of God or the Kingdom of God in His life.

When Jesus taught us to pray thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth just as it is in heaven, He was teaching us to pray to be under the rule of God in our lives so that kingdom power could be made manifest in our lives just as it was in His.

The search for power is ended as we find Jesus as LORD and come under the rule of God in our daily lives.

He first gives us power to live lives that are not under the dominion of our circumstances.

Joh 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1Jo 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

Most Christians live defeated lives because they don't know what this part of the Word is saying to us. There will be trouble, tests, problems but we can be of good cheer as we understand that He overcame these same things and He lives in us so that we too can overcome.

Instead of living under the dominion (Lordship) of our circumstances we are to be under the (Lordship) dominion of the LORD and HIS Word.

He is greater than your circumstances; He is your source of health, hope and strength. He is our Father and Provider; He knows what our needs are before we do.

If we will live under His dominion (Lordship) then the power of His kingdom rule will be made manifest in our circumstances and through our lives.

Let's now look at what Jesus said and did concerning HIS disciples.

Lu 9:1 ¶ Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. [\(Most of the time we do not understand the difference between power and authority.\)](#)

2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

The church today is intended by the LORD to do the same thing but it mostly just talks about it and really does not do what Jesus said.

I believe the reason is revealed in vs. 2 above, "He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God."

It seems to me that the church has preached but not the gospel of the Kingdom but rather a gospel of heaven and hell.

The power is in the Kingdom being preached rather than a destination.

If we will search it out we will find that Jesus message was only and always the Kingdom of God

and nothing else. Even the apostle Paul preached the Kingdom;

Ac 28:30 ¶ Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,

31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

When we as the church will return to the message that Jesus and the apostles preached then we will be able to have the results they got.

People are looking for power not heaven; they are looking for answers for now not something in the sweet bye and bye.

The answers are all in the Kingdom, being under the rule of God in our daily lives, not a religion but a relationship of sons with their Father as was originally intended in the beginning.

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