

God is...Power

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2 Chron 20:5-15

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard 6 and said: "O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. 7 O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 9 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.' 10 "But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. 11 See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. 12 O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." 13 All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord. 14 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. 15 He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'"

1. GOD PROVIDES US POWER TO LIVE VICTORIOUS LIVES.

Luke 24:49

[Jesus told the men going to Emmaus] I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

2 Tim 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2. GOD PROVIDES US POWER TO OVERCOME THE ENEMY.

v. 6 Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. v. 15 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'

Luke 10:19

[Jesus told the 72] I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

3. WE MUST REMAIN CONNECTED TO THE POWER SOURCE.

Rom 8:3

3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering...

4. GOD'S POWER BEGINS WHEN WE CONFESS OUR DEPENDENCE ON HIM.

v. 9 [we] ... cry out to you in our distress... v. 12 ... For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

2 Cor 12:9

9 But [the Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

5. GOD PROVIDES US POWER TO OVERCOME DEATH ITSELF.

1 Cor 6:14

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.