

Eighth Meeting

When Will God's Power Appear?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

When I know who I am, and I know who Jesus is, then I can truly experience God's power and blessings. In other words, we can begin to experience these things of God when we know where man comes from and what he does and where he is going (i. e., we know who we are).

1. First, there are 7 things we must remember.

- 1) Man was originally created in the image of God to enjoy perfect rest with God (Ge 1:27).
- 2) But because of Satan, man's image of God was destroyed and his spirit died (Ge 3:1-10, Eph 2:1-2, Jn 8:44).
- 3) From that time on, failure, death, suffering came into the world and became a permanent part of life (Ge 3:11-20).
- 4) We live as sojourners in this world, and then we will return home (heaven or hell) (Lk 16:19-31).
- 5) God came to this world to restore the image of God in man and to defeat His enemy (1 Jn 3:8).
- 6) Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man (Jn 1:14, Phil 2:6-10).
- 7) When we accept Jesus (life), all of our problems are solved (Mt 11:28).

2. Now we begin to fight 3 different battles.

1) The first battle is against myself.

John 8:32 says if you know the Truth, the Truth will set you free.

- (1) I must entrust my present situations to God and seek His plan for my life .
- (2) I must seek not my will, but God's will (Lord's Prayer)
- (3) I must trust that God's plan is more perfect than mine (Ro 8:28-29).
- (4) If I am stubborn and unyielding (to God's will), I only hurt myself.
- (5) I must completely entrust myself to the Lord.
- (6) The Truth is Jesus Christ, and He is holy. Therefore, the holy life makes me completely free.

2) The second battle is against Satan who deceived us in the 1st days.

- (1) I cannot defeat Satan with my own strength but only by Jesus' power.
- (2) John 1:12 (KJV) says God gave "power" to His children.
- (3) Matthew 28:18 says that Jesus has received "all authority in heaven and on earth."
- (4) Mark 1:27 says that even demons bow before Jesus' authority.
- (5) I John 3:8 says that the reason why Jesus appeared is to destroy the devil's work.
- (6) John 16:24 gives us the assurance that Jesus will answer our prayers.

3) The third battle is against the world. We must be led by the Holy Spirit.

- (1) John 14:16 says that the Helper (Holy Spirit) will be with us forever.
- (2) John 14:26-27 says that the Holy Spirit will remind us of all things (that Jesus taught us).
- (3) I John 2:20 says that we have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and we all know the Truth.
- (4) Matthew 12:28 says that where the Holy Spirit comes, there is the Kingdom of God.
- (5) Acts 1:8 says that we have received power.

3. When does the power of God begin to work?

- 1) When we became the children of God and had our original sin cleansed, then the blessings began.
- 2) When we are cleansed of our individuals' sins (i. e., the ones we commit, "actual sin"), the power of God begins to work.
- 3) Let us discover God's will in our suffering, persecutions, diseases and frustrations.
- 4) I must seek the purpose of God in my life.
- 5) I must find the larger purpose of God in my circumstances.
- 6) When we pray for this (understanding of God's purpose), God's power comes upon us.
- 7) We can be content and victorious through Jesus Christ.