

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can man avail himself of this power?
2. What is the evidence of the Holy Spirit in a person's life?
3. Does man "possess the power" or does "power possess the man"?

SUMMARY:

There are many today that bear the name of Christian, but a lack of victorious living, victory over the fleshly nature, is evidence that not all are filled with power.

To receive power one must be submissive to God and obey His commands. He can pour out His Spirit when we meet His conditions. Just as we cannot pour water into a bottle with a cap on it, God cannot fill us with the Spirit unless we are open, willing and ready to receive Him. Then we must use this power to live victorious lives to be a testimony for Him. [\[SoF:9\]](#) We must go out and let our lights shine and do God's bidding.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

May 27, 2018

Second Quarter

THE SECRET OF SPIRITUAL POWER

LESSON TEXT: *2 Kings 2:1-22*

LESSON SETTING: Elisha follows Elijah to Jericho, Bethel, and the River Jordan.

TIME: Approximately 896 B.C.

- I. THE PREPARATION FOR POWER.** *2 Kings 2:1-9*
 - A. Faithfulness (vs. 2, 6) Psalm 123:2; Jeremiah 26:8
 - B. Loyalty (vs. 2, 6) Ruth 1:15-16; Matthew 27:55-56; 2 Timothy 1:16
 - C. Spiritual Desire (vs. 9) Psalm 73:25; Luke 6:21; 1 Peter 2:2
- II. THE RECEPTION OF POWER.** *2 Kings 2:10-13*
 - A. A Sign Given (vs. 10) Judges 6:37; 2 Kings 20:8-10; Luke 2:12
 - B. A Sign Fulfilled (vs. 11) Judges 6:38; 2 Kings 20:11; Luke 2:16
- III. THE PURPOSE OF POWER.** *2 Kings 2:14-22*
 - A. God's Presence Revealed (vs. 14) Exodus 19:17-18; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 28:20
 - B. God's Power Revealed (vs. 21-22) 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Acts 4:31-33; Romans 16:25, 27

GOLDEN TEXT: *YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU: AND YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME.*

Acts 1:8

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-18

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 55:6-13; Luke 15:11-24;
Acts 9:1-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Kings and Prophets of Israel

TOPIC: ELISHA MINISTERS TO NAAMAN

INTRODUCTION:

The story of God's healing of Naaman's leprosy through His servant Elisha is one of the outstanding stories of the Old Testament wherein is portrayed the way of salvation established through Jesus Christ.

Naaman is presented as a great man, but one who was unclean. A way of healing was revealed to him by a little girl who had a great faith in God. Naaman desired healing and sought out the right way. After some searching, not always in the right way, he finally found the man of God. A simple plan of healing was revealed. Because it was simple it was not acceptable. After some persuasion and some second thoughts, Naaman obeyed the command given to him. Healing came, but not until he obeyed the command to its fullest. He was not healed after the first, or the second, or even the sixth dip into the River Jordan, but only after he obeyed completely by dipping in the river the seventh time.

Likewise men needing healing from the "leprosy of sin" must recognize their condition, have the desire to be healed, search out the way until they find it, obey God's commands to repent, believe in Christ's power to heal (Acts 20:21), confess sins (Acts 19:18) and be separate from the world (2 Corinthians 6:17). When our hearts are pure and we have no more condemnation we then have peace with God, a peace that passes all understanding.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Humility and obedience to God's revealed plan will bring us His abundant provision for all our needs.

GOLDEN TEXT: *FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.* Isaiah 55:9

Our lesson dealing with the healing of Naaman is a classic example of how God's ways and thoughts differ from that of man. Naaman had thought that great riches of some great act would bring healing. He thought his greatness would bring the man of God to him. But God's ways were different. No money was required; no great act was necessary. Only simple obedience to an act that was not even very enticing.

So men today, having a simple way of salvation laid before them, fail to accept it. It is too humiliating to shed tears out of a contrite heart. It is too belittling to have a broken spirit and yet this is the acceptable sacrifice in God's sight (Psalm 51:17). God's desire is that men should confess their sins and thus remove the burden of their hearts, but men find this distasteful and teach that confession is not necessary. But the person who truly follows God finds sooner or later that peace does not come until the load of sin has been removed.

If only more men and women would recognize that God's ways are higher; and recognizing this, become obedient to Him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 28 – June 3

- M. *Naaman Humbled and Healed. 2 Kings 5:1-18
- T. The Humility that Brings Results. Matthew 18:1-10
- W. The Prodigal Humbled and Restored. Luke 15:11-24
- T. Zacchaeus Humbled and Saved. Luke 19:1-10
- F. Saul Humbled and Called. Acts 9:1-16
- S. Peter Humbled and Sent Forth. Acts 10:9-23
- S. Christ, Our Example in Humility. Philippians 2:1-11

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