

SEEING THE INVISIBLE






Lesson 8 for August 20, 2022

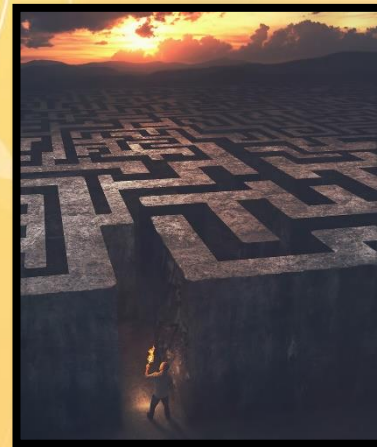
**“But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”
(Heb. 10:38 NIV).**

We’ve felt God’s presence and we’ve seen His powerful in action many times. However, there are times when we cannot feel Him or see His powerful hand at all. It’s just silence and darkness.

Those are the moments we need our faith the most, so we can continue “as seeing Him who is invisible” (Heb. 11:27). We must use all the power that God gives us by faith.



-  **The power of the Father**
-  **Power in the name of Jesus**
-  **The power of the resurrection**
-  **Power over anxiety**
-  **Power over darkness**





THE POWER OF THE FATHER

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

We know that "God is love" (1Jn. 4:8). However, we might doubt it sometimes. If He is love, why does it feel like He forgets about us during tough times? Why doesn't He give us everything we know it's good and necessary? Why...?

By studying Romans 8:28-39, we will find reasons to believe that God is able and wants to do good things for us.

God can make all things work together for good, even when it may not seem obvious (v. 28)



"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" (v. 32 NLT).

POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

**"If you ask anything in My name,
I will do it." (John 14:14)**



Jesus taught us to bring our requests to God and ask for His intervention in His name.

When our request is “in the name of Jesus,” we can be certain that the whole machinery of heaven is at work on our behalf. We may not see the angels working all around us. But they are—sent from the throne of heaven in the name of Jesus, to fulfill our requests.

God answers our prayers in diverse ways. Sometimes we may receive an immediate and dramatic answer. Other times it may seem there’s no answer at all, and we just must wait. Prayers are always heard, and God is already working on them. We will receive His answer eventually.

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

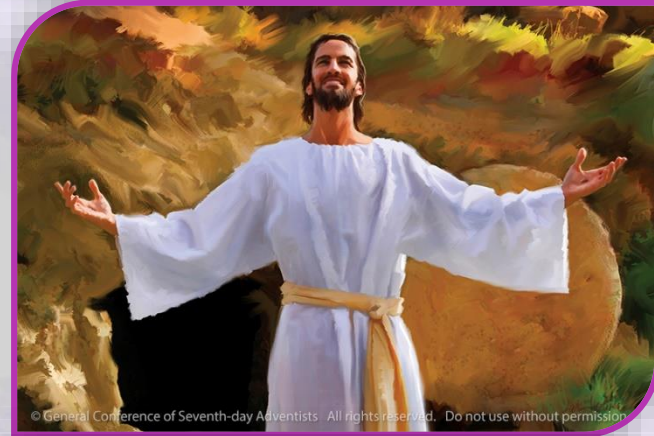
"I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death," (Philippians 3:10 NLT)

Paul introduced God's power by recalling that Jesus was resurrected and glorified (Eph. 1:19-20).

This is the foundation of our hope and inheritance (Eph. 1:18). The same power that was shown in the resurrection of Jesus is available to us today.

The resurrection of Jesus guarantees that we have access to the power of the One who is "far above all principality and power and might and dominion" (Eph. 1:21).

Furthermore, we will eventually "reign with Him" (2Tim. 2:12).



POWER OVER ANXIETY

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7 NIV)

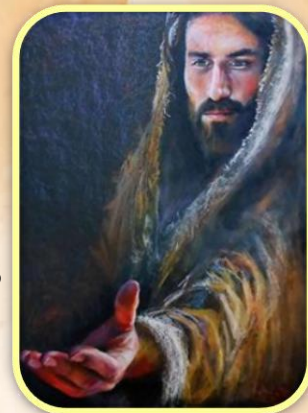


The apostle Peter encouraged us to cast **ALL** our anxiety on Jesus. There's no problem too small or too large for Him.

Jesus wants us to put our problems on His hands as soon as possible. We don't have to wait until we have exhausted all the possibilities.

Besides, He wants us to stop feeling anxious about those problems once we've put them on His hands. Now they are His, and He will provide a solution.

We can trust Him because He cares for us. He cares so much for us that He will do anything necessary for our good.



POWER OVER DARKNESS

"Why would you ever complain, O Jacob, or, whine, Israel, saying, 'God has lost track of me. He doesn't care what happens to me?'" (Isaiah 40:27 MSG)



Thinking that God doesn't care for us may be quite distressing. It's like living in darkness with no light to illuminate the path.

That was the experience of Israel during the Babylonian exile (Is. 40:27). God reminded them of His power that "neither faints nor is weary" (Is. 40:28). "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (Is. 40:29 NIV).



Think about how distressing a death decree can be, with no repeal or way out (Dn. 6:7-8, 16; Est. 3:13). The only safe way is to continue "as seeing Him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27), the only One who has the power to save us.



“Jesus does not call on us to follow Him, and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend.”

E. G. W. (Gospel Workers, p. 263)