

Enduement of Power

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"But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Lu. 24:49; Acts 1:8.

Nothing ever entered the ken of man, or came into his experience, that is at once so mysterious, so rare, so beautiful, so powerful, so penetrating, so influencing, so useful as this enduement of power through the Holy Spirit.

It is the essence Divine. It is an effusion of sweet, pungent, tender graces, gifts and energies of "Divine nature," poured into the nature of man. The recipient becomes partaker of the qualities and life of Jesus Christ; and a channel through which flows saving, healing and redeeming virtues from the fountain of God's inexhaustible nature. It is God's grace, love, concern, desire, affection and yearning, going out after men, through His messengers, to bring them to the banquet of God. It is a bestowal of ability of God to act, speak and affect men with the influence, affection, motives and motions of God Himself.

Jesus was clothed with this mysterious anointing in high degree. "All bare Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth." "For His word was with power." It was in Peter's ministry, "They were pricked in their heart." "Stung to the heart." Lu. 4:22,32; Acts 2:37. Weymouth.

Finney had power in such degree, mild words from him cut people off their seats. Whitefield preached so that people fell prostrate on their way home. George Fox said the people were like chaff before the wind that day. Sometimes all in Benjamin Abbott's meetings lay prostrate on the floor.

Of so delicate, refined, evanescent and ethereal character is this Divine effusion, it is easily lost and that often unconsciously by the loser. Highest in value, yet so little esteemed! Many who receive the gift of the Holy Spirit allow this most excellent Divine Essence to vanish away, not realizing it is a flow that must be constant.

Often is the gentle, sensitive Spirit grieved by neglect, ignorance or harsh human ways. An unkind word, a bit of impatience, a hasty temper, careless conversation, wandering thoughts, any of many earthly intrusions: the holy hush over the natural man is broken, the heavenly atmosphere is dissipated, and the power is departed. Like Samson, "He wist not that the

Lord had departed from him."

In efforts to save men, many substitutes have been intruded. What wretched failures! How are the mighty fallen! Learning, eloquence, winsome ways, persuasive words, human affection and emotion, psychic control, musical influence—all are deceptive without the enduement of power.

This heavenly anointing is beautifully typified by the Holy Anointing oil of Exodus 30:23-25. Its ingredients were olive oil, myrrh, cinnamon, calamus and cassia. The base of this compound was olive oil, a choice oil noted for its nourishing, penetrating and supple making qualities. Olive oil as a type of the Holy Spirit represents its nourishing, pungent, penetrating flexible giving qualities.

Myrrh is a gum which exudes in drops or distills and which means a tear, bitterness. When taken into the mouth, at first it is bitter, then aromatic. At last it tastes sweet and yields sugar. It typifies the sufferings and death of the Saviour, the dying Lamb. In the Spirit anointing, it signifies sacrifice, devotion, abandonment and obedience to the will of God. Cinnamon represents the resurrection life and ascension of Christ, typifying our resurrection into a new life and being seated in the heavens.

Calamus represents Christ as High Priest, ministering to and perfecting His people. It would then typify the anointing as conveying the ability to minister to the Lord's people the things of God.

Cassia represents Christ in His office as judge, dealing with His saints and the world in judgment to correction or to condemnation. It typifies the Spirit in the enduement through an anointed ministry, administering the work of reproving sin. Jno. 16:9-11.

From the consideration so far given, it may be seen that the enduement of power is the conveying upon those so anointed of the elements of the Divine nature, the abilities, powers, graces and gifts of God. Divinity in solution poured upon man! Infinite bestowal! So great condescension!

There are degrees and kinds of power bestowed, according to the several abilities and uses to which the receiver may be called. When it is for the conveying of grace, the unction is gentle, mild, sweet and tender. Some times it is to express reproof, as when Jesus called the Pharisees "vipers". When it rests upon the

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jority, as it was in the case of the ten spies, whose attitude not only kept themselves from God's best, but also their brethren likewise.

It is not the purpose of God to change the conditions about you; but God does design to so transform you by beholding Him continually that you will not be moved by the negative things all around you.

Dispensationally it is "harvest" time, "the end of the age" (Matt 13:39) when the overcomers will find their Jordan waters of trial and difficulty at the highest point of their spiritual career. This will demand a faith sufficiently developed through spirit subjection and heart abandonment to Christ, so as to come through triumphantly.

We have no time for wilderness wanderings with all its murmurings and ill manners. We are up to the last crossing and "the ends of the ages" are upon us. We shall not be crossing over into the land of our enemies for further conflict and conquest, for our warfare will have been accomplished. Ours is the passage into the heaven of heavens to take possession of the region now occupied by the principalities and powers. Therefore, be ye steadfast and unmovable, for we are in the time of universal testing and shaking among God's people when He is developing this spirit of conquest.

There will come the time for the final test, as with Abraham. Through our obedience of faith we shall be brought more and more into the spirit realm of revelation. It was through Abraham's obedience of faith in the offering up of Isaac that Abraham prophesied, saying in reply to his son's question: "God will provide HIMSELF a lamb. Gen. 22:8.

You may have revelation and other precious bestowments of the Spirit; but it requires faith in action, which is the obedience of faith, to distribute that which you have received. These things have not been given you to cherish; but for the church, "that the communication of your faith might become effectual."

The Prayer of the Heart

The Prayer of the Heart is not a prayer of the understanding alone but it is the prayer which is not interrupted by the exercises of reason. Nothing can interrupt this prayer but disordered affections; and when once we have enjoyed God and the sweetness of His love, we shall find it impossible to relish aught but Himself.

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preacher, it carries the power to discover sin, and apply a penetrating truth that will pierce the heart. A teacher may pour forth a stream of instruction that is "the washing of water by the word." The one given to minister to the sick receives the power to impart new physical life. The worker of miracles is endowed with an energy that is like dynamite. The gift of laying on of hands seems to magnetize the hands and arms. Prophecy which is felt in the abdomen, magnetizes the vocal organs and comes forth in blazing words. So the enduement of power transforms into a great variety of applications according to the needs.

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