Power and Perils

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INTRODUCTION

- I thought it would be beneficial to talk about the power of God as well as the perils we need to sidestep as we live a faithful life in Christ.
- We need to recognize power and where it comes from and the perils that we must avoid.

1 The Power of God

Exodus 9:13–16; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18

- Pharaoh, the mightiest man on earth at this time, was nothing but a tool for God.
- God raised him for a specific purpose to show the people the power of God.
- For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.
- How did God make the world and all that's in it? He said, Let there be. There was. That is power.

2 The Power of Life

1 John 2:25; 1 Timothy 6:12; 1 John 5:20

- We have seen the power of God, but what about the power of life?
- The weakness of the flesh mentioned by Jesus could be a peril to our faith. Thus we need to be prepared.
- But to gain this eternal life, we have to fight this good fight of faith.
- As we look at the power of life, whether it be physical life or eternal life, we have to know that God is in control of all things.

3 Power Over Death and the Peril of Satan

Hebrews 2:14; Hebrews 10:4; Ecclesiastes 7:1

- Not only is there power through Christ, by living a faithful life which offers eternal life, there is a peril, an opposite pull toward an eternal separation from God.
- Satan wants you and he will fight to get you, but we have the power to turn him away, to fight the good fight, to put God's will before our will.
- By him dying as the perfect sacrifice, he broke the power of Satan, which is eternal death.
- Once we die, it's over. We cannot hold our spirits back, and we are all going to one day die.

4 There Is Power and Perils in Friendship

John 15:13–14; 2 Timothy 3:5; Galatians 4:16

- These are all good attributes, but give me someone who cares for my soul.
- A friend has the power to influence both in good ways and in bad ways.

- A so-called friend could really be an enemy, but a so-called enemy could really be your friend.
- Have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

5 The Power of Love and the Peril of Indifference

John 14:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 8:35–39

- If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.
- Our love toward Jesus has the power to save.
- Even when we are speaking of love toward God and his son, we have a hypocritical love when we refuse to obey his will.
- They want what he offers. They proclaim love, but in action they are really indifferent.

6 Power in Righteousness and the Perils of Sin

Matthew 5:6; 1 John 3:7; James 1:15

- There are so many that claim righteousness, but the righteousness they speak of is their own.
- There is only one righteousness, the righteousness of God. Everything else leads to sin.
- Sin is the result of the battle of our will versus God's. And our will prevails, thus sin.
- Sin separates us from God. The only way to be once again right with God is to repent.

THE CHALLENGE

At all costs, brothers and sisters, never lose that willing spirit. This will help you to continue fighting that good fight.

MY NOTES