Part VII

"Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!"

Various Scriptures REVIEW

Conversation

"A 'True Heart of Worship' is molded and fashioned around the 12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service. However, these Ancient Paths are all but lost to us today, in our fast paced lifestyle both during the work week, and on Sunday morning in our church worship service. Nevertheless, together we search out these ancient paths and strive to place them into our everyday lives, and our life together, over the next four weeks."

Ancient Paths & Obedience

"Thus Says the Lord: "Stand in the Ways and see, and ask for the Ancient Paths, where the Good Way Is, and Walk in Them; then you will find rest for your souls!" But they replied, "We will not walk in Them!"

Jeremiah 6:16

12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service

Worship In Song

- 1. Praise & Worship (Hymns & Psalms)
- 2. Glory & Honor (God: Father, Son, & Spirit)

Worship In the Word

- 3. Preaching & Teaching (Hermeneutics: Historical & Theological)
 - 4. Conviction & Repentance (Heart / Soul Sorrow & Salvation)
 - 5. Admonish & Rebuke (Correction & Restoration)

Worship In the Spirit

- 6. Awe & Majesty (Presence & Relationship)
 - 7. Power & Might (Authority & Strength)
- 8. Holy & Sacred (Holiness & Sanctification)

Worship In His Will

- 9. Prayer & Devotion (Conversation & Contemplation)
 - 10. Blessing & Thanksgiving (Gifts & Gratitude)

Worship In Communion

- 11. Edification & Encouragement (Instruction & Uplifting)
- 12. Fellowship & Friendship (Community & Companionship)

This Week's Investigation, Contemplation, & Implementation Will Focus On:

Worship In the Spirit

7. Power & Might (Authority & Strength)

Scriptural Roots of Power

(Authority / Dominion)

Noun - Object / Thing

Scriptural Roots of Power

(Ability / Willingness)

Verb - Action / Offering

Authority / Dominion "A divine & sovereign right to govern & rule for all eternity with no equals!" Able / Willing: "God's power is shown in His ableness & willingness to act to fulfill His plan & will!"

NOTICE

In the Book of Revelation,

Where Final Authority, Dominion, Power, Might, & Strength Are All Defined Forever,
We See This Unique Usage of Power & Might:

The Word Used For 'Dominion' or 'Power' 1c2 in Greek is 'Kratos' (Power as Might & Strength)

It is Uniquely Used (x2) in Revelation 1:6 & 5:13

Elsewhere The Word For *'Power'* ^{1c1} in Greek is *'Dunamis'* (Power as Ability & Willingness) It Is Used (x12) in Revelation 1:16, 3:8, 4:11, 5:12, 7:12, 11:17, 12:10, 13:2, 15:8, 17:13, 18:3, & 19:1

Scriptures On Power as Authority & Dominion

Not By Our Own Might (Power), But By God's Might (Power)

Then He Said to Me, "This is the Word of the Lord to Zerubbabel Saying, 'Not By Might (of Men) Nor By Power (of Men), but by My Spirit (Might & Power),' Says the Lord of Hosts. Zechariah 4:6

God's Works Are Made By His Great Power & Might

David Says, "Praise the Lord! I will Praise the Lord with My Whole Heart, In the Assembly of the Upright and in the Congregation. The Works of the Lord are Great, studied by all who have pleasure in Them. His Work is Honorable and Glorious (Majestic), and His Righteousness Endures Forever. He has made His Wonderful Works to be Remembered; the Lord is Gracious and Full of Compassion. He has given food to those who Fear Him; He will ever be Mindful of His Covenant. He has Declared to His People the *Power of His Works, * In Giving them the Heritage of the Nations. The Works of His Hands are Verity and Justice; All His Precepts are Sure. They Stand Fast Forever and Ever, and are done in Truth and Uprightness. He Has Sent Redemption to His People; He has Commanded His Covenant Forever: Holy and Awesome is His Name. The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom; a Good Understanding have all those who do His Commandments. His Praise Endures Forever!"

God Upholds His Creation & Works By His Power

Paul Writes, "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, Whom He Appointed Heir of All Things, Through Whom also <u>He Made the World</u>. And He is the Radiance of His Glory and the Exact Representation of His Nature, and <u>Upholds All Things by the Word of His Power</u>. When He had Made Purification of Sins, He <u>Sat Down at the Right Hand</u> of the Majesty on High." Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus Will Return To His Place of Power on the Throne of God

Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" And Jesus said, "I AM; and you shall see the Son of Man <u>Sitting at the Right</u> Hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven!"

Mark 14:61b-62

Divine Power Is Displayed In God's People By The Presence of His Indwelling Spirit

Jesus Commanded, "And behold, <u>I AM Sending Forth</u> the Promise of My Father Upon You; but you are to stay in the city until you are <u>Clothed with Power from on High!</u> But you <u>Will Receive Power</u> when the <u>Holy Spirit Has Come Upon You</u>; and you shall be My Witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth!" Luke 24:49 & Acts 1:8

Gospel of Good News Has The Only Power To Save By Faith

Paul Teaches, "For I am not ashamed of the <u>Gospel</u>, <u>for It is the Power of God for Salvation</u> to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek!" Romans 1:16

Spirit's Power Given & Renewed When We Gather in the Sacred Assembly In Jesus' Name
Paul Reminds Us, "In the Name of Our Lord Jesus, When You Are Assembled, and I with you
in spirit, with the Power of Our Lord Jesus!"

1st Corinthians 5:4

The Power of the Resurrection is by Faith Alone in Jesus Christ & the Willingness to Die to Self

Paul Writes, "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the Sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of Knowing Christ Jesus My Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may Gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through Faith in Christ, the Righteousness which comes from God on the basis of Faith, ...

... that I may know Him and the Power of His Resurrection and the Fellowship of His Sufferings, Being Conformed to His Death; in order that I May Attain to the Resurrection from the Dead."

Philippians 3:7-11

God Is Filled With: Glory, Greatness, Honor, Majesty, & Dominion, Power, Strength, Rule, & Victory

So David Blessed the Lord in the sight of all the assembly; and David Said, "Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel Our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the Greatness and the Power and the Glory and the Victory and the Majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the Dominion, O Lord, and You Exalt Yourself as Head over all. Both Riches and Honor come from You, and You Rule over all, and in Your Hand is Power and Might; and it lies in Your Hand to Make Great and to Strengthen everyone. Now therefore, Our God, we Thank You, and Praise Your Glorious Name!"

God Is Sovereign & Rules With Complete Dominion Over All of His Creation

David Cries, "The Lord Has <u>Established His Throne</u> in the Heavens, and <u>His Sovereignty Rules</u> Over All. Bless the Lord, You His Angels, <u>Mighty in Strength</u>, Who Perform His Word, Obeying the Voice of His Word! Bless the Lord, All You His Hosts, You Who Serve Him, Doing His Will. Bless the Lord, All You Works of His, <u>In All Places of His Dominion</u>; Bless the Lord, O My Soul!"

Psalms 103:19-22

Jesus Christ Is Over All in Authority, Dominion, Power, & Rule

Paul Teaches Us, "For this reason I too, having heard of the Faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give to you a Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation in the Knowledge of Him. I pray that the Eyes of your Heart May Be Enlightened, so that you will know what is the Hope of His Calling, what are the Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance in the Saints, and what is the <u>Surpassing Greatness of His Power</u> toward us who Believe. These are in Accordance with the Working of the Strength of His <u>Might which He Brought About in Christ</u>, when He Raised Him from the Dead and <u>Seated Him at His Right Hand in the Heavenly Places</u>, <u>Far Above All Rule and Authority and Power and Dominion</u>, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And <u>He Put All Things in Subjection Under His Feet</u>, and <u>Gave Him as Head Over All Things to the Church</u>, Which is His Body, the Fullness of Him Who Fills All in All."

Ephesians 1:15-23

All Glory, Dominion, Might, & Power Belong To Jesus Christ Forever & Ever

⁴ John, to the Seven Churches which are in Asia: "Grace to You and Peace from Him Who Is, and Who Was, and Who Is To Come, and from the Seven Spirits Who are before His Throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the Dead, and the Ruler over the Kings of the Earth. To Him Who Loved Us and Washed Us from Our Sins in His Own Blood, ⁶ and has made Us Kings and Priests to His God and Father, to Him be All Glory and Dominion (Power) ^{1c2} Forever and Ever. Amen! ⁷ "Behold, He Is Coming with the Clouds, and Every Eye Will See Him, Even They Who Pierced Him! And All the Tribes of the Earth Will Mourn Because of Him. Even So, Amen! ⁸ I AM the Alpha and (I AM) the Omega, (I AM) the Beginning and (I AM) the End," Says the Lord (God), "Who Is and Who Was and Who Is To Come, The Almighty!" Revelation 1:4-8

More On Power as Authority & Dominion

See More: Exodus 9:13-16 (Pharoah sees God's Power), Psalms 49:15 (Gods Saves From Death), Isaiah 9:6-7 (Christ's Eternal Dominion & Kingdom), Zechariah 9:9-10 (God's Dominion in the Last Days Will Over All), Matthew 6:13 (The Ending of the Lord's Prayer), Matthew 8:23-27 (Over Creation), 2nd Corinthians 12:9 (Grace Supplied By God's Spirit In Christ is Sufficient), Ephesians 1:15-23 (Dominion Over the Church), 2:1-10 (Evil is Allowed Temporary Power & Might in this World, But We Are Given Eternal Co-Reign & Dominion With Christ), Colossians 1:15-23 (Christ Is Above All in Authority, Dominion, Rule, & Authority) ...

... 2nd Timothy 1:6-10 (God Has Given Us A Spirit of Love, Discipline, & Power), Hebrews 11:32-34 (God's Power Imbued into Mighty Men to Display His Power & Strength in Battle & Deliverance), 1st Peter 3:18-22 (Christ is Seated on High at the Father's Right Hand in Power with All Authority & Dominion Over All of Creation & Heavenly Powers), 1st Peter 4:11c (Christ Has The Glory & Dominion Forever)

Scriptures On Power as Ability & Willingness

Power & Ability Tied To Willingness To Heal By Touch

And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, <u>If You Are Willing, You Can Make Me Clean.</u>" Jesus stretched out His Hand and Touched him, Saying, "<u>I AM Willing;</u> Be Cleansed!" And Immediately his leprosy <u>Was Cleansed.</u>

Matthew 8:2-3

Power & Ability Tied To Willingness To Heal From Afar

Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the Ccenturion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just Say the Word, and My Servant Will Be Healed. For I also am a man Placed Under Authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it!" Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in all of Israel have I found such great faith!" When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Power & Ability Tied To Willingness To Exorcise Demons

And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs. Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me." For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert. And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion!"; for many demons had entered him. They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss ...

... Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the <u>demons Implored</u>
<u>Him to Permit them to Enter the swine</u>. And <u>He Gave Them Permission</u>. And the <u>demons Came Out</u>
<u>of the Man and Entered the swine</u>; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

Luke 8:27-33

More On Power as Ability & Willingness

See More: John 11:1-45 (Ability & Willingness to Raise People from the Dead), Romans 8:31-3 (Ability to Keep the Believer from Losing Faith), 1st Thessalonians 5:23-24 (Able to Sanctify & Keep the Believer to the End), 2nd Timothy 1:3-14 (Ability To Keep Spiritual Gifts & Treasures), Hebrews 7:20-28 (Ability to Save & Sanctify Completely)

Scriptural Roots of Might (Mighty / Powerful) Noun - Object / Thing Scriptural Roots of Might (Might / Strength) Verb - Action / Offering

Mighty / Powerful: "The ability to wield might & power to conquer & deliver others in battle!" Might / Strength: "Wielding might & power to establish, ordain, & sustain creation or a kingdom!"

Scriptures On Might as Powerful God Is Above all other gods

Moses Declares, "For the Lord Your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the <u>Great God</u>, (the) <u>Mighty</u> (God) and (the) <u>Awesome</u> (God), Who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe."

Deuteronomy 10:17

The Lord Is A Mighty King & Warrior in Battle

David Declares, "Who is this King of Glory? The Lord Strong and Mighty, The Lord Mighty in Battle."

Psalm 24:8

More On Might as Powerful

See More: Genesis 10:9 (Nimrod), 1st Chronicles 12:8 (Men of Valor & Power in David's Army), Isaiah 19:4 (Isaiah Prophecies the Downfall of Egypt's Might & Power to A Mightier & More Powerful King of Assyria), Acts 18:24 (Mighty & Powerful In Preaching & Prophecy), 1st Peter 5:1-11 (Mighty Hand of God Humbles & Exalts)

Scriptures On Might as Strength Love God With Your Whole Being

Moses Teaches, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord Our God, the Lord is One! You Shall Love the Lord Your God With All Your Heart, With All Your Soul, and With All Your Strength!"

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Mark 12:30)

God's Wisdom & Counsel Are Full & Strong

Job Declares, "With Him are Wisdom and <u>Strength</u>, He has Counsel and <u>Understanding!</u>" Job 12:13

Not By Our Own Might (Power & Strength), But By God's Might (Power & Strength)

Then He Said to Me, "This is the Word of the Lord to Zerubbabel Saying, 'Not By Might (of Men) Nor By Power / Strength (of Men), but by My Spirit (Might / Power / Strength),' Says the Lord of Hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

The Lord Is My Rock, Refuge, Shield, & Strength

A Psalm of David. "To You I Will Cry, O Lord My Rock: Do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the Voice of My Supplications When I Cry to You, When I Lift Up My Hands toward Your Holy Sanctuary. Do not take me away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbors, but evil is in their hearts, give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; give them according to the work of their hands; render to them what they deserve. Because they do not regard the Works of the Lord, nor the Operation of His Hands, He shall destroy them and not build them up. Blessed be the Lord, because He has Heard the Voice of My Supplications! The Lord is My Strength and My Shield; My Heart Trusted in Him, and I am Helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will Praise Him. The Lord is Their Strength, and He is the Saving Refuge of His Anointed. Save Your People, and Bless Your Inheritance; Shepherd Them also, and Bear Them Up Forever.

God's Might & Strength On Display in the Heavens Above

Isaiah Declares, "To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?' says the Holy One.

<u>Lift up your eyes on high & see</u> Who has Created these Things (Stars), Who brings out their

Host (Stars) by Number; He Calls Them (Stars) All By Name, by the Greatness of His Might and the

Strength of His Power; Not One (Heavenly Host) is missing."

Isaiah 40:25-26

God Gives Us His Might, Strength, & Power

Isaiah Proclaims, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His Understanding is Unsearchable. He Gives Power to the Weak, and to Those Who Have No Might He Increases Strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Renew Their Strength; They Shall Mount Up with Wings Like Eagles, They Shall Run and Not Be Weary, They Shall Walk and Not Faint!"

Christ Glory & Power Shine Greater Than The Strength of the Sun

Then I (John) turned to see the <u>Voice</u> that <u>Spoke</u> (<u>Rhema</u>) with Me. And having turned I <u>Saw Seven Golden Lampstands</u>, and in the midst of the <u>Seven Lampstands</u>, One like the Son of Man', <u>Clothed with a Garment</u> down to the <u>Feet</u> and <u>Girded</u> about the <u>Chest</u> with a <u>Golden Band</u>.

His Head and <u>Hair were White like Wool</u>, as <u>White as Snow</u>, and <u>His Eyes</u> like a <u>Flame of Fire</u>; His Feet were like <u>Fine Brass</u>, as if <u>Refined in a Furnace</u>, and <u>His Voice</u> as the <u>Sound of Many Waters</u>; He had in <u>His Right Hand Seven Stars</u>, out of <u>His Mouth</u> went a <u>'Sharp Two-Edged Sword'</u>, and <u>His Countenance</u> was like the <u>Sun Shining in its Strength</u>.

Christ Gives Us Comfort & Strength To Do Good Works & Preach The Good News

Paul Teaches, "Now May Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God Our Father, Who Has Loved Us and Given Us Eternal Comfort and Good Hope by Grace, Comfort and Strengthen Your Hearts in Every Good Work and Word."

2nd Thessalonians 2:16-17

More On Might as Strength

See More: Genesis 4:12 (Strength Can Be Removed From the Earth or Ground By God), Genesis 49:3 (Man can be Filled with Strength & Power), Exodus 15:2 (The Lord Is My Salvation, Song, & Strength), Judges 16:28 (Samson Asks For One Last Imbuement of Strength From God), 1st Samuel 28:20 (Strength Can Be Removed From Someone By God), 1st Samuel 30:6 (David Finds Strength in His God), Psalm 22:15 (Christ's Life &Strength Ebbed Out of Him on the Cross), Psalm 37 & Psalm 46 & Psalm 140 (God is Our Strength in Time of Need & Deliverance), Isaiah 35 (God Will Strengthen & Heal The Land & His People), Eziekiel 34:11-24 (God Will Seek Out, Find, Bind Up, Heal, Defend in Battle, & Strengthen His Sheep / People), Luke 22:32 (Stay Strong, So You May Strengthen Your Brothers & Sisters), Acts 16:5 (The Church Is Strengthened in Faith By Sound Preaching & Teaching), Ephesians 1:15-23 (Power & Strength of Christ Toward Us), Colossians 1:3-14 (Christ Strengthens His People in the Church), 1st Timothy 1:12-19 (God Strengthens Us That We May Serve Him By Fighting The Good Fight)

Personal Daily Question #1

"How Do I Implement Power Into My Daily Life?"

Personal Daily Answer #1

A) I Will Endeavor To Allow God All Authority, Dominion, & Power Over My Life Each Day
B) I Will Endeavor To Be Available, Able, & Willing to Follow the Lord Where Leads Each Day
Sunday Worship Question #1

"How Do We Implement Power Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?" Sunday Worship Answer #1

A) I Will Preach & Teach God's Authority, Dominion, & Power Over All Creation & Us His People B) The Worship Team Will Focus Each Week on Demonstrating God's Ability & Willingness To Work in Each Of Our Lives, And Our Lives Together As His People

Personal Daily Question #2

"How Do I Implement Might Into My Daily Life?"

Personal Daily Answer #2

A) I Will Ask God Daily For His Might & Power Through His Spirit to Fight the Good Fight B) I Will Ask God For His Daily Protection, Refuge & Strength To Defend Me in Battle Sunday Worship Question #2

"How Do We Implement Might Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?"
Sunday Worship Answer #2

A) I Will Remind Us Each Week of God's Might, Power, & Strength That is Always With Us
B) The Worship Team Will Focus On Reminding Us Each Week That The Lord Is Always With Us
In Every Circumstance of Life & Is Our Source of Might, Power, & Strength In Every Situation

NEXT WEEK Part VIII

"Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!" Worship In the Spirit

8. Holy & Sacred (Holiness & Sanctification)