

## Power

As I read God's Word, I see that "power" is a topic addressed often. In the opening pages of the book of Genesis we see God manifesting His power in creation. From nothing God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). Our minds can only imagine how powerful an event that must have been as the creation week unfolded. From that powerful illustration of God's power, we move to another that is more negative in scope. Because of the sinful depths to which man plunged, God destroyed the world by flood (Gen. 6). As the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven opened, the earth was destroyed by flood, save the eight faithful souls in the ark and the animals with them. Again, we can only imagine how powerful an event that must have been.

One of the greatest expressions of God's power is found in the gospel message (Rom. 1:16-17). I find it interesting that Paul was the one who expressed this truth through inspiration. In his early life, he was known as Saul and was the great persecutor of the church. Yet, when he was confronted with the gospel and obeyed it, he was transformed into the man that would become the Apostle Paul. That message, based on the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, had the power to transform him through the forgiveness of his sins.

The gospel has that same power today. The message has not changed, nor has the mode by which God accomplishes this forgiveness of sins. By obedience to His will man can be forgiven and, if remaining faithful, can lay hold of more blessings than we can imagine. Will you avail yourself of that power? We would be glad to help you in your search.

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