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# *The Power of God*

**T**he power we possess is not totally our own. It comes from our Source, our Almighty. The amount we receive depends upon how much we allow God to work through us. We have to prepare a homestead within ourselves, and invite God to dwell with us there. We have to create a foundation and stockpile conditions of indemnity which will enable Him to enter our lives and work through us. We must come to realize that it is not *our* energy that carries us through or uplifts people. It is no less than the power of God!

**W**e cannot maintain spiritual power without the help of God. In order to be effective, we must first desire that God manifest Himself through us; we must tap into the power from our Eternal. Each of us has to connect with God, to knock loudly enough for Him to hear.

That is so often our problem: we just don't knock hard enough. We are often too superficial, and don't persevere to the point of experiencing a breakthrough in prayer. We feel content with just trying, and settle for second best—a whisper of His longing for us. If on occasion we do have an experience with the power of God and feel close to Him, it usually lasts only a moment. Most of us do not have spiritual experiences as consistently as we would like. Even the effect is not long-lasting. We are initially elevated by such an experience, but then we plummet.

Continue to talk to God at all times; live a spiritual life. Actions become the manifestation of enacted prayer. Twenty years ago sonic members were given the power to heal and drive out evil spirits. By working hard, it is possible to have similar experiences today, without becoming too entrenched in the activities of spirit world. There is a much greater foundation now, and Heaven is much closer. In fact, the highway to Heaven is wider today, and most definitely open. But to reach the end of that road will take a total commitment on our part. Even within the short span of a second, we can break through and connect with God if we live and work for Him. That too is an expression of the strength of God; He binds us close to Him through the power and magnetism of His love.

**G**od waited a long time for some people to respond. For example, it took some time before Moses was ready to respond to God's call. Sometimes God has also had to wait quite a long time before Unificationists responded to His will. Some people heard the Principle, yet left the movement after a time. Many returned but a number of them waited quite a long time before coming back, sometimes even years. Even though they wasted

time which is precious to God, given the urgency of the dispensation, there was nothing He could do but wait.

God and man must cooperate. God depends upon man's response. God can send out love, or hail, or sandstorms, but if man resists making a response, ultimately patience is His only option. In that sense, He is actually very dependent upon man. Until man decides to live his life with God, there is little He can do. To receive the Messiah and walk the road toward perfection is not a decision made by God, but by man.

We cannot compare God's power with "our" power. None of us actually have any power of our own. Even if I am not conscious of it, I discern whether it will be God or Satan who works through me. I am the one who gives the permission for God to use me as a channel. And I am also the one who stops Him. So do you. We actually build nothing by ourselves. Even the Principle—which can certainly give us power—is created by God. He has also given us the Principle of give and take. Clearly, it is not we, but God, who makes things function. He is the power. Love "is" Him, but we cannot make the same claim about ourselves yet. Ideally, we will act as the conduits of His love. His love is the energy which unites all things. Our whole body functions according to certain principles which originally were made by God. He designed our brain, our body, the environment; He masterminded all the essentials by which we live. All that makes us powerful comes from God.

When our foreign missionaries went overseas, they committed their lives totally to God. If they had relied only on their own power, they might have died on the way to their countries—out of fear! One missionary wrote that near the end of the flight to her mission country, she looked out the window of the plane and noticed a pasture in the middle of what seemed to be a jungle in that vast continent of Africa. She thought the plane was forced to make an emergency landing, because unmistakably it *was* descending and seemed headed for a small dirt road in the clearing. She thought it was just by coincidence that there was a little shack there, but the plane landed and taxied up next to it. To her surprise she discovered it was the international airport! She walked through the "jungle" surrounding it with her big suitcase. No taxi. No camels. No *nothing!* As dusk enveloped this nation, black faces stared at her from every doorway of the little huts that dotted the road into town. Dusk soon became night. And then came a moment of realization: she knew she desperately needed God. She knew *His* power and strength could get her through.

Without the power of God, who knows if she or any of the missionaries could have survived against some of the tremendous odds they faced.

But He was there, with each one of them. That was one time she *did* knock loudly enough for God to hear!

If you receive energy from God in the form of His love, potentially you can give it on the horizontal level to your spouse, brother or sister, or neighbor. This energy can snowball and turn into a tremendous force; when love is shared, tremendous forces of give and take are at work. Energy is absolutely necessary for an entity to sustain and multiply life, fulfill its purpose, and eventually return to God. If only vertical energy were needed, yet the force of give and take would not be manifested properly, the power of God itself could not be conveyed.

The greater the force of give and take, the greater the amount of vertical input necessary. It is like suction. We suck the power of God, and by doing so, create a partial vacuum. Each human being should, however, be conscious of returning some energy back to God by responding to Him. This is perhaps easier for people who are active for God. On the other hand, people who are extremely introverted must be careful. It is easier for them to stagnate or even die internally without some effort. It is easy for them to be filled with the wrong input. Too often they simply concentrate on worldly matters, and might then have give and take on the wrong basis. This is something unacceptable to God.

We are infused with tremendous value when we unite with God and True Parents. When we make the condition of establishing harmony, the spirit and power of God bursts forth, and we are then filled with new vigor and energy.

When the word or power of God is exerted, the end result is salvation. This supreme power has the potential to help all entities fulfill their purpose of creation. It is the power of God that can evoke a change. But power used for selfish purposes can ultimately bring destruction.

**W**e can flip a switch in a house which has been wired for electricity, and barring any unusual circumstances, the lights will come on. Each human being has been "wired" to conduct the power of God, but to make the lights go on, we must "flip the switch." If you are asked to lead a group of people, a certain amount of authority and energy from God is given to you. If you desire more energy and ability to effect even greater results, you should set up indemnity conditions; the result is that even greater amounts

of God's power will be granted. Heaven sends power corresponding to the position, not the personality. You will receive as much power from God as you need. If you have the responsibility to take care of one person, you will receive the amount of power necessary to help you. Yet if you have to take care of one hundred, one thousand, or even one million people, God will instill you with enough power for such tasks. Let heaven see your will-power; spiritual beings will provide the strength which will help you be even more effective.

The whole universe responds to the person fulfilling the role of the Messiah. Father is a great personality, and because of his personal conviction, he does much more than even God expects of him. That is why the spirit world is so sensitive to and aware of his every move. They want to supply him with all the power he needs.

This should help us grasp more of an understanding of what we should do to bring the cooperation of the spirit world, and to effect great success in the mission we are fulfilling even today. We must commit our lives to our work—that "flips the switch." Once we withdraw even a little hit, the power company—God—is forced to shut off the supply.

In order to receive power from God and be driven by His spirit, each of us must achieve mind/body unity. The love of God should be the energy used to bind our heart and intellect. Once you have inner harmony, you can more easily go forward with an invisible "sword" sharp enough to kill any giant. The sword is the word of God, for *that* is a tremendous power.

All of your vices—whether from the present or the past—can easily be overcome. It will be nearly impossible for you to do this on your own, but there is a greater power available to help you. That power is within God; it is His love, His desire. If you examine your life as a Unificationist, you cannot help but notice that years ago you could never even imagine yourself doing many of the things you do today. I am sure that there are things you never thought you *could* do. The reason you can accomplish them now is because of the power and the love of God. Once a person tastes the love of God, he will never want to live without it. That is why we never want to leave the bosom of God. We are drawn by the magnet of God's love, and we progressively come closer, and eventually become one with it. It is the power of God that can ultimately turn the whole world around, or inspire a person to change his *life* totally.

The power of God will fill our lives once we unite in heart with God and do His will. The power of God will be transmitted to the people we speak to through our words and deeds. Even though we may feel God near us and are showered with His love, as fallen people we are still handicapped. We feel as though we cannot formulate our emotions into words and sentences that can adequately be conveyed either to God or others. There are so many qualities and components within a heart, but to properly transmit what is going on inside, and how we feel God works through us, is sometimes very awkward and arduous. This is especially true for people who are introverts by nature, and for those not accustomed to speaking about their feelings. Intelligence has nothing to do with it. It is a question of whether or not our hearts are touched by God. Yet if we receive enough love from God, it will naturally spill from our hearts into the hearts of others. When we can really speak with the authority and power of God, based on the quality of His unconditional love, we will no longer be worried about trying to be sophisticated. We will then simply speak about what is in our heart, because God's love fills us, and that is what we will share.