

Power Belongs to God Psalms 6211 Riverside Worship Ministries
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We are here now, we just want to give him praise, we just want to give him thanks, Father we give him praise, Father we are here tonight, we thank you Lord, we thank all that you've done for us, as you've done your praise, not by our strength alone, we are here today to say thank you, thank you Lord for what you've been to us, thank you for all that you've done for us, thank you Lord that you've taken us throughout the week, in our going out and our coming in, Lord, you've been with us, you've watched over your word concerning us, Father, you've protected us in every way that we've done, we've come to this point in time, and for that we say thank you, Lord. Father, we say we are grateful, Lord. Thank you for your goodness.

Thank you for your faithfulness above all. Thank you for our lives, your breath of life in us.
Thank you for our families.

Thank you, O Lord. Thank you for our households, your partners. Thank you for all your many blessings in our lives.

We give you praise. We declare you are good, you are. That's all we come with a heart of gratitude, Lord.

That's all we say, thank you, Lord. We say thank you, Lord. That's all we call you to.

We say thank you, Lord. We bless your name. We honor you, Lord.

Take a look. Take a look. We have a father.

Take a look. Take a look. We bless your name.

We bless your name. Continue to give them more worship. Let's just worship the name of the Lord.

He is worthy to be praised. He is worthy to be adored. Oh, Father, we bless your name tonight.

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Father, let your spirit be rude upon us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, O Lord. Let your spirit be rude upon us, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, O Lord. We thank you, Lord, in the

name of Jesus.

Father, we thank you for tonight and thank you, O Lord, for this opportunity to fellowship together, O God. Father, we pray even as we've gathered, O God, in person, online, O God. We pray that your presence will be with us, O God.

We invite you, Holy Spirit, come reign in our midst. Come be rude about each and every person in this meeting, O God. You know each person more than they do know themselves, O God.

Father, meet us, O God, here in your presence, O God, in the name of Jesus. We commit the speaker to your hands, Lord. Pastor Goffred is in your hands, O Lord.

Empty him of himself, O God. Empty him of himself. Use him as a vessel of honor unto your name, O God, unto your glory, O God.

May we hear your voice behind this voice, Abba, Father. And may we live here, O God, knowing that we have encountered you tonight. In the name of Jesus, we pray with thanksgiving.

Amen. Amen, amen. Can we greet each other, say hi to each other? Those online, can you hear me without me using the mic? Yes, please.

Yes, we can hear you, yeah. Okay, it looks like the mic is causing troubles. Those online, you can move around and also say hi to yourselves.

Oh, okay. Hold on, hold on, hold on. Okay.

Okay, okay. All right. All right, please, we can have our seats.

We can have our seats. Today, I want us to quickly look at, I believe, I think it was last week when we were praying, the Lord kept ministering to us about his power. So I just wanted to touch briefly on it.

About his power. We'll look at Psalm 62, verse 11. If we can display it.

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So we want to talk about the power of God. And tonight's theme is that power belongs to God. Amen.

It is important to know that power belongs to God. Sometimes the devil does certain things in our lives, we see certain things in our lives, and we tend to fear the devil even more than reverence God. Because we see what the devil is doing.

And sometimes we think, we believe that the devil has more power, or has power, but we don't think about how powerful our God is. And that same power God has given to us, the Bible makes us understand in Genesis, that after God created, he gave us power, he gave us dominion to rule over the earth. So if you can imagine this kind of God who created all of these

things that we see, out of nothing.

There was nothing. Without nothing, God was able to create something. Amen.

All right. So we want to look at Psalm 62, verse 11, and then we'll look at other scriptures, and then we'll pray. The Bible says God has spoken once.

God has spoken once. Wise I have heard this. Wise I have heard this.

And what did he hear? That power belongs to God. Amen. That power belongs to God.

And so we want to, you know, there are different scriptures in the New Testament also that refers to power. And if you look at Acts, if you look at the book of Acts, we are introduced to the power of the Holy Spirit when the Spirit of God came upon the disciples. Jesus told them, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

Can we look at Acts chapter 1, verse 8? And so the agency through which God demonstrates his power is through the Holy Spirit. And that is why, as Christians, we have to know the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live an effective life.

If you don't know the Holy Spirit, if you don't have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, you cannot live an effective life, a life that is full of dominion, a life that is full of authority, if you don't know the Holy Spirit. So the Holy Spirit is that agency through which God demonstrates his power. And so anybody who has a very intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit is able to demonstrate power, is able to reveal God.

And so in Acts chapter 1, verse 8, the Bible says, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. So you only receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And that power makes you witnesses.

That's what I want to, you know, focus on. That power makes us witnesses. You cannot become an effective witness without power.

You cannot become an effective witness without the Holy Spirit. So he says, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the end of the earth. And so the question is, who is a witness? So Jesus is saying that if you receive power, if you receive the Holy Spirit, you receive power.

And that power gives you the ability to be a witness. And so who is a witness? A witness is someone who testifies of what he has seen, what he has seen, what he has heard, and knows to be the facts of the case in question. Amen.

I'll read it again. A witness is someone who can testify of what he has seen. He testifies of what he has seen, what he has heard, what he knows to be facts of a certain case in question.

Amen. It's like if you go to the court, if there's an issue, you go to the court, the judge or the

lawyers will bring witnesses. Witnesses are people who saw the situation or people who are privy or have a certain knowledge about what is being discussed in the courtroom.

And so they are able to speak with, sometimes they bring experts, right? If they are talking about things that are, for instance, concerning a health situation, hospital situation, they'll bring someone who's an expert there. So that witness has a certain knowledge of what is being discussed. And so that is what Jesus is saying to the first apostles, the first people who moved the word of God, that today we have also heard.

He says that you can only do this by the power of God. You can only do this, you can only witness. So the question now becomes, what have you seen that you can witness? What have you heard that you can witness? What do you know to be true facts in God that can be, that you can be a witness? A witness validates a claim.

And so what is the claim? What is the claim of Christianity? There are a lot of things, what do we claim? What do we claim that we have? We have rest, we have peace, we have healing, we have joy. So are we witnesses of that, of the life of Christ? Are we witnesses? It only takes the power of God. Can we look at 1 John 1, 1-3.

1 John 1, 1-3. So some of the things that we witness, we witness that God sees. That's the most, that's one of the most important thing, and I can say that that's the most important thing.

We witness that God sees. And to be a witness that God is a savior, it should mean that you have knowledge of a salvation. You have experienced the salvation of God.

To be able to declare that God sees, to be able to declare that God is a savior. Grace, can you share your screen to the online guys to see the descriptions? All right, so you should be able to witness that God saves, to witness that God is a healer. You know, some of the people that we've shared here before that experienced God in different ways.

Gideon experienced God in a different way, that he was able to say that God is peace, that Hagar should be able to say that God is Jehovah Jireh, that he's a provider. That witness of Hagar, now we can see that because Hagar experienced it, she lived it, and because God provided, she now makes that statement, and now we can also see that God is a provider. Because what she said is the truth, and she experienced it, and out of the Spirit, she spoke that truly God is a provider.

So the things we witness, that God saves, God is a healer, God protects. Some of us can talk about the provision of God, and tonight we just leave some time for testimonies that we want to witness of the goodness of God. In our witnessing, it's not, you know, we don't just leave it at God saves.

After God saves, God saves a person. What does God do? How does God work with us? God is a provider. He provides wealth.

He provides peace. He provides rest for us. So we talk about the protection of God.

God restores. He's a restorer, and some of us have been restored from different things that we can testify that God restores. Amen.

We can testify that God delivers. We can testify that God is a deliverer. God breaks chains.

Like there are a lot of things we can say about God. Let me read 1 John chapter 1, 1 to 3. The Bible says, that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled. Can you go back to verse 1? Our hands and our hands have handled concerning the word of life.

So this is what John is saying. The things that he has seen, the things that he has heard, the things that his hands have handled, concerning the word of life. Can you go to verse 2? The light was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness.

So he's bearing witness of what he has seen and heard and handled. And it says, and declare to you that

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