The Power of His Presence

Tony Mauck · 2 Timothy 1:6–14

INTRODUCTION

- Israel's heritage was extremely rich. So many manifestations of the power of God as he was indeed their sanctuary.
- I wonder if we have lost a sense of the power of his presence.

1 Not Everything Has the Same Relevance to Us

Matthew 16:19; Hebrews 2:3–4

- Not everything spoken in the New Testament has the same relevance to a 21st century audience, that's us, as it did to the initial audience.
- You can't really appreciate what the New Covenant is telling you unless you understand some things that the Old Covenant is telling you about what was coming.
- I read a verse like that, and I'm just telling you tonight, I don't get to bind anything. That's not a role that God has given me.
- There were some instruction that pertained only to those in that initial audience.
- How do we know this message, this message of salvation is from God? Because it was attended by something tangible, by something powerful and miraculous.

2 Kindle Afresh the Gift of God

2 Timothy 1:6–7; 1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 18:9–10

- Despite this miraculous imparting of power, that Timothy still had to act to receive all of its benefits and all that could be done.
- All of God's gifts, whether natural or spirit imparted, need to be nurtured, developed, and employed.
- God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love, and discipline.
- Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you.
- Use your God given abilities. Whatever you have been endowed with, whatever it is that you can contribute to advance God's cause, you use those abilities towards spiritual and noble ends.

3 The Spirit of Glory and of God Rests upon You

1 Peter 4:14; Matthew 10:25; 1 Peter 3:13–14

- Despite what's going on in your circumstances, you are blessed. Because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.
- When people mistreat you for what you believe, their angst isn't really with you.
- It is enough for the disciple that he has become as his teacher.
- We can have confidence in God's care for us, even in the midst of great trial.

- God is with you even in the midst of suffering, even if it means that you must surrender your life.

4 God Is Powerfully at Work in Believers Today

Philippians 2

- So often, it is not the person of the Holy Spirit that is under consideration, but the result of his work, the impact of his work in the life of believers.
- God is powerfully at work in the lives of believers today.
- Perhaps we are depriving ourselves of greater blessing and awareness of his presence because we simply don't have a strong enough faith and confidence in him.
- You do your part in faith and then let God work in you to accomplish his will.
- God is more concerned about our faith and our ongoing transformation into the likeness of Christ.

5 God Makes All Things Beautiful in His Time

Romans 8:28

- One thing we learned from both the old and the new testament is that God makes all things beautiful in his time.
- All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose.
- Whatever's going on in your life, it is temporary. It is not permanent.
- We haven't experienced it all yet. We have experienced a taste of it now.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you so aligned with Him? Do you know the power of His presence? Can we assist you to know it better?

MY NOTES