



Power from on high

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Zechariah 4:1-3

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ²And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."



Zechariah 4:4-6

And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ⁶Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.



Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.




1Samuel 17:45

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.




Revelation unveils the unseen spiritual war in which the church is engaged: the cosmic conflict between God and his Christ on the one hand, and Satan and his evil allies (both demonic and human) on the other.


In this conflict, Jesus the Lamb has already won the decisive victory through his sacrificial death, but his church continues to be assaulted by the dragon through persecution, false teaching etc.




The visions granted to John both warn the church and fortify it to endure suffering and stay pure from the defiling enticements of the present world order.



The '*key of David*' held by Christ speaks of His eternal power and right to reign and rule over all of creation, a right He has earned through redemptive conquest.




And the '*keys of the Kingdom*' which He hands down to us as His Church refers to this same authority which He delegates to us and which we're mandated to wield on His behalf in concert with His predetermined will and purpose. *Ps Fred May-August newsletter*




"And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder; he shall open and no one shall shut, he shall shut and no one shall open." (Isaiah 22:22 AMP)


"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens.'" (Revelation 3:7 NASB)




"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19 NASB)



Eph 6:11
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.




Acts 1:8
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."




This powerful new work of the HS after Pentecost brought several beneficial results:

- More effectiveness in witness and ministry
- Effective proclamation of the Gospel
- Power for victory over sin
- Power for victory over Satan and demonic forces
- Wide distribution of Gifts for ministry



1Co 2:3-5
And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.



The crux of the issue then is not necessarily technology or our current culture, but how eager we are to obey God's Word. We can thoroughly study God's Word without obeying it, but we cannot thoroughly obey God's Word without studying it.
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