

The Power of the Lord
Ephesians 6:10-20
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Thesis: I want to show the Power of the Lord as it's revealed to us from the Bible.

- Intro:
1. Why do many misunderstand and doubt the power of God?
 2. Why do some (for example) try to add millions of years into the days of creation? It's not just because they deny God, but they also deny anyone or anything with such awesome power. For many 6 days just wasn't enough. For God it was, He rested on day 7!
 3. Even all those years ago, David saw and understood (**Ps 8:3**).

I. God's Power defined (Eph 6:10-11, 13)

A. The Strength and Power of God (**v.10-11**)

1. No one has withstood the mighty strength of God (**Job 9:4**).
2. The strength and power of God is worthy of praise (**Ps 21:13**)

B. Through the strength and power of God we can stand (**v.13**).

1. God's strength is in more than physical power (**Job 36:5b**).
2. The Christian's strength to stand comes from God (**Ps 18:32a, Ps 140:7**).

II. God's power & the Christian (Eph 6:14-18)

A. Defensive power for the Christian (**Ps 7:10a, 59:9b, 59:16b, 17**)

1. Notice, most of the armor mentioned is defensive. The Christian often finds him or herself defending themselves from various evils in various forms (**1 Thess 5:22** "*Abstain from every form of evil*"; **1 Tim 6:12, 1 Pt 2:11**).
2. A Christian is given power to stand, thus we must stand against the attacks made against the faithful (**Eph 6:14**). We are able to do so because we have done what God instructed us, "*having*" (past tense, **v.14b**).

B. Offensive (strength) power for the Christian (**Ps 59:17a**)

1. God strengthens the Christian when he is weak from the battles of this life (**Ps 73:26**).
2. Through God's strength the Christian has victory-salvation (**Ps 118:14**)
3. Unlike many today who have lost strength and given in to evil, we must be like those in Sardis who kept God's Word (**Rev 3:8**).

III. God's power and eternal purpose also reaches the non-Christian (Eph 6:12, 19-20)

A. Christians strive to share God's saving strength (**Ps 71:18**)

1. God doesn't stop trying to redeem us because of His age or health, He is able to constantly pursue those who are willing to obey, He is able to save us "to the uttermost" (completely - **Heb 7:25**)
2. God has the power and the desire to save even the most wicked people, if they are willing to repent (**Amos 5:12a, 5:4, 14-15**).

- B. It is within God's power to help the lost, thus He sent His Son (**Rom 5:8-11**).
1. God has the power to solve man's sin problem, the answer was found in His Son (**Isa 53:4-5**).
 2. While trying to reach the lost, we cannot stray from the Bible. Remember the lost are often confused (**Ps 62:6** "...He is my defense; I shall not be moved.)

- Conc:
1. Paul's statement is something we all can say if we take advantage of God's power (**2 Tim 4:7**).
 2. God's power has the ability to save mankind, will we be obedient to that power (**Isa 53:12**)?
 3. Full Invitation