

Book of Acts in the 21st Century

Part 9

End times power is available, Act!

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Today our lives will change by the word and power and Word of God.

Father speak to us, change us, we look to you as the great master. As we contend for the supernatural

Talk about the last weeks.

Set apart.

Contending for Power

Stepping up for power

Anointing for Power

Anointing Breaks the Yolk 1 and 2

Times of Refreshing

The Power of God on me

Zechariah 10:1

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10. Ask of the Lord rain in the time of the latter *or* spring rain.

Hosea 6:3

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3 Yes, let us know (recognize, be acquainted with, and understand) Him; let us be zealous to know the Lord [to appreciate, give heed to, and cherish Him]. His going forth is prepared *and* certain as the dawn, and He (GOD) will come to us as the [heavy] rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth.

Acts 11:19

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19 Meanwhile those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen had traveled as far away as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, without delivering the message [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] to anyone except Jews.

Acts 11:21

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21 And the presence of the Lord was with them with power, so that a great number [learned] to believe (to adhere to and trust in and rely on the Lord) and turned *and* surrendered themselves to Him.

WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

Interesting scripture that the intimate knowledge of the glory of God will fill the earth.

Habakkuk 2:14

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14 But [the time is coming when] the earth shall be filled with the **knowledge** of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

2 Timothy 3:1

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3 But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress *and* trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

Notice that this verse begins by saying, "This know."

The word "know" is the Greek word *ginosko*, the Greek word for *knowledge*.

But in this verse, it is used in the present imperative tense, which means it is a strong command to recognize that there is something that **must be known**, must be **recognized**, and **must be acknowledged**. Having this knowledge is **not optional; it is mandatory**.

The verse continues, "This know also, that in *the last days*." The word "last" in this verse is from the word ***eschatos***, which points to ***the ultimate end of a thing*** such as the last month of the year; the last week of the month; the last day of a week; or the very **extreme end** of the age. In other words, the word *eschatos* doesn't merely describe the last days in general, but the **very last of the last days**. It was used in classical Greek literature to depict *a place furthest away*, such as the very *ends* of the earth. In this sense, it also signified something that is *final*.

With this word *eschatos*, the Holy Spirit through Paul takes us right into the *end of the age* to enlighten our eyes and help us see what the world environment will be like in the concluding moments of the age.

Paul goes on to say that "perilous" times will mark that final age. "Perilous" is the Greek word *chalepos* a word used to describe *ugly words that, when spoken, are hurtful and emotionally hard to bear*. It is also used in various pieces of literatures to depict *wild, vicious, uncontrollable animals that are unpredictable and dangerous*. It always carries the idea of an action, place, person, or thing that is *harsh, harmful high risk*.

This is the very word used in Matthew 8:28 to portray the two demon-possessed men who were so legendary in the country of the Gadarenes.

Matthew 8:28

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28 And when He arrived at the other side in the country of the Gadarenes, two men under the control of demons went to meet Him, coming out of the tombs, so (Another translation says exceeding fierce) fierce *and* savage that no one was able to pass that way.

The words "exceeding fierce" is this same word *chalepos*. This means the two demon-possessed men were like wild, vicious, and uncontrollable animals, completely unpredictable and dangerous. Simply being in the region near these men placed one's life in jeopardy because these demonized men were *chalepos harsh and harmful*, presenting a high risk to anyone in the region.

Taking the definitions of all these words into consideration, Second Timothy 3:1 could be taken to mean:

"You emphatically must know what I am about to tell you! In the very last part of the last days, in the very end of the age, hurtful, harmful, dangerous, unpredictable, uncontrollable, high-risk periods of time will come."

The power of God is available to everyone. Everyone who wants it can have it.

For most, they are too embarrassed to share their faith, too shy to bring the word up, too intimidated by the world.

1. Are we heeding the warning of the Holy Spirit to be spiritually alert in these last days?

Mark 13:33

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33 Be on your guard [constantly **alert**], and **watch and pray**; for you do not know when the time will come.

34 It is like a man [already] going on a journey; when he leaves home, he puts his servants in charge, each with his particular task, and he gives orders to the doorkeeper to be constantly **alert and on the watch**.

35 Therefore **watch** (give strict attention, be cautious and **alert**), for you do not know when the Master of the house is coming—in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning—

36 [**Watch**, I say] lest He come suddenly *and* unexpectedly and find you asleep.

37 And what I say to you I say to everybody: **Watch** (give strict attention, be cautious, active, and **alert**)!

1 Corinthians 16:13

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13 Be alert *and* on your guard; stand firm in your faith (your conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and a part of it). Act like men *and* be courageous; grow in strength!

2. If God were to ask you to minister to someone who is suffering, do you feel prepared to help that person? How can you become better prepared?

How can you better prepare?

Dictionary: Prepare, Make something ready for use. Like a meal.

We all know the Word of God.... can quote it,
address it,
share it,
argue it,
debate it,

but can we DO it? In fact most Christians that are serious about God do Psalm 119:11

Prepare by studying.

Psalm 119:11

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11 Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Prepare by doing.

James 1:22

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22 But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].

23 For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it *and* being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;

24 For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.

25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it *and* perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

Prepare by prayer

1 Peter 4:7

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7 But the end *and* culmination of all things has now come near; keep sound minded *and* self-restrained and alert therefore for [the practice of] prayer.