

THE KINGDOM OF GOD #4 KINGDOM POWER

Matthew 6⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.¹³ **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:** For thine is the kingdom, **and the power**, and the glory, for ever. Amen. KJV

We have established in this series the **Kingdom has a king**, the **kingdom is a government**, the **kingdom has an economy**, and today we examine kingdom power.

In the second message we established a definition for government.

Government is defined by Merriam-Webster's Dictionary as: 5 a: the organization, machinery, or **agency through which a political unit exercises authority and performs functions and which is usually classified according to the distribution of power within it.**

Matthew 28 18...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. KJV

I. The word power has three predominant meanings in the Greek.

1. Dunamis - power to do the miraculous

1Corinthians 4²⁰ For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power. NIV

It is the same word used in the following passages:
Matthew 6 13 ..thine is the kingdom and the **power**.....

Luke 24⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” NIV

Acts 1⁸ But ye shall receive **power**, **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 6⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and **power**, did great **wonders and miracles** among the people.

1Corinthians 2⁴ And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of **power**:⁵ That **your faith should not stand** in the wisdom of men, but in **the power of God**. KJV

1Thessalonians 1⁵ **For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost**, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

2. **Exousia – delegated authority** – “in my name..”

One can have power to perform a task but not authority to do it. Jesus Christ had both power and authority (Luke

4:36), and He bestowed these upon His followers (Luke 10:19).¹

a. Authority over demons

Matthew 10¹ And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, **he gave them power** *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. KJV

Matthew 12²⁸ But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. NIV

Luke 4³⁶ And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word *is* this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out

Luke 10¹⁹ Behold, **I give unto you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. KJV

b. Authority over sickness

Luke 10⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' NIV

James 5¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. NIV

¹Youngblood, R. F., Bruce, F. F., Harrison, R. K., & Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1995). *Nelson's new illustrated Bible dictionary*. Rev. ed. of: Nelson's illustrated Bible dictionary.; Includes index. Nashville: T. Nelson.

3. **Kratos - dominion**, manifested power—in the NT chiefly of God

We have kingdom power that comes from the all powerful God.

Jesus told Pilate that God the Father is the source of all power. John 19 11

Matthew 6 13...thine is the kingdom and the power.....

Ephesians 6 ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. NIV

Colossians 1 ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, NIV

II. **Life principles we must apply to the power of God.**

1. The **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** provides added power to the life of the believer.
2. There is tremendous power in **humility**. It gives us strength that is a gift from God to be used for His purposes.

1Corinthians 2 ³ I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a **demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.**
NIV

3. **Forgiveness** is powerful and liberating and is a power that Jesus has delegated to His followers.
4. The use of kingdom power and authority should point men to see Jesus.
5. This power is strong enough to allow **us to lay down our life** if necessary for the gospel.
6. All power ultimately comes from God, and we are ultimately **accountable to Him for how we use power**.
7. God's power has little or nothing to do with outward appearances or worldly acclaim.