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THE POWER OF CHRIST

Introduction:

As we enter the Christmas season, for us who know the Lord, this is a beautiful time of the year when we celebrate the entrance of Christ into this world. He is the savior of all mankind. What greater subject to meditate on than the subject of the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Can I do His person justice? As I was praying and meditating on what subject to share and preach about this morning. I just thought there is no greater subject to talk about than the subject of the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. OUR LORD HAS POWER OVER ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THIS WORLD:

Jesus had power over all the creation. The reason He has power over all creation is because He made all things.

Consider:

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

The very first miracle our Lord preformed was the making of water into wine.

He had power over the elements.

He could take 7 loaves and a few fishes and feed 4000 men besides women and children.

Meditate on that.

This is why He was able to rebuke the waves, and the winds which obeyed Him.

Matthew 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matthew 8:27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Just meditate on that when you are having difficulties in this world.

Is there anything too hard for the Lord?

Recently I read where Joshua was fighting one of the earlier battles against the Canaanites.

Joshua 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

Joshua 10:13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Joshua 10:14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

A similar thing happened in the days of Hezekiah. When the shadow went back by ten degrees on the sundial. This represented 40 minutes. So that day was longer by 40 minutes.

II Kings 20:9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

II Kings 20:10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

II Kings 20:11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

Now this is the Jesus that we believe in and trust.

Think on this when we have breakdowns, and physical problems and difficulties in this world.

Think on this when the world is all panicked about global warming. As if the world is going to end in a few years if we don't stop burning wood, oil, coal, and stop cows from flatulating.

Meditate on this truth. We have a Saviour that is all powerful and there is nothing in this physical world that He cannot do, because He created the physical world and all the elements of this world.

You say, preacher if God created all the elements of this world then why do we suffer so many physical catastrophes in this world?

The answer is this: We have ousted God out of our lives and think we can do without Him. Our sin has affected this whole creation. It is not the flatulence of cows that is causing the convulsion of this planet, it is the spiritual rebellion of man that is disrupting this world.

Our Lord upholds all things by the word of his power. To reject Him and His word is to disrupt all his blessings.

Every storm, every natural disaster, every disruption in this natural world is a wake up call for mankind to experience the power of His wrath on us, the children of disobedience.

II. OUR LORD HAS ALL POWER OVER THE PRINCIPALITIES AND RULERS OF THIS WORLD!

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:

He is over all visible and invisible powers and authorities.

Jesus said, all power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth. We are told to go preach the gospel.

All authority is given to Christ. If men tell us we can't preach, we have a greater authority than man! We ought to obey God rather than men!

He is Lord of lord's and the King of kings.

When Pharaoh said to Moses, who is the Lord that I should obey His voice? He learned real quick who the Lord is!

When Sennacherib came and blasphemed the Lord of Hosts in the days of Hezekiah he learned real quick what he was up against.

Mary Queen of Scotland once said, I FEAR THE PRAYERS OF JOHN KNOX MORE THAN ALL THE ARMIES OF ENGLAND."

III. JESUS CHRIST HAS THE POWER TO SAVE ALL THOSE WHO COME TO HIM.

Jesus has power to forgive sins.

In Mark Chapter 2

We read about when they tore off the roof of a house that our Lord was in, and dropped a man in front of him who was sick with the palsy, and He said, thy sins be forgiven you,

He said, it was a greater manifestation of His power to forgive sins, than it was to heal that man who was sick. But to prove He had power to forgive sins He healed the man of the sickness, also.

Isn't it amazing, that when we get sick, we will spend more time and money to seek out physical help, but when it comes to spiritual things we have no patience to endure being inconvenienced to hear spiritual advice.

The Bible teaches that the same power it took for God to create the sun is what it takes to open our hearts and minds to his power and salvation.

II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

IV. WHY DO WE HAVE NO FEAR OF OUR LORD'S POWER AND MIGHT?

Have you ever visited the shore and stood and looked out at the vastness of the ocean? As you dip your feet into the water and experience the power of the waves. It's never ending back and forth motion. Would you dare to swim out into it's waves and venture out too far? Would there not be a fear that you would never return and be swept away? Why do we not have a greater respect and fear for the God who made that vast body of water? He is mightier than the waves of the sea.

Psalms 93:4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

I remember a few years back watching videos of the Tsunami that struck Japan in 2011, I recall the vast tidal waves that picked up ships and tossed them ashore. Those waves swept cars away. I could not imagine being caught up in something like that. Yet, should we not fear God who said,

Job 38:11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

Job 38:16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

Most places in the sea are so deep that men cannot go there because of the pressure. The average dept of the sea is 2 miles deep and the deepest parts are just under 7 miles deep. The lowest that the average man can dive is about 130 feet. The ocean is deeper than Mount Everest is high.

To give you an idea of the vastness of the ocean, the average commercial Airplane cruises at 35,000 feet while the deepest part of the ocean is 36,000 feet.

Just the vastness of the ocean that God made should make us fear the God who created all this. Let alone consider, the sun, the moon, the stars, and all His creatures.

There was a time when saved people were called God fearing people.

Will we not fear the Lord?

Today it is predicted that we are about to get a major snow storm. When this happens people panic, buy all the milk in the grocery store, and they try to make preparations. Many people are afraid to drive or go anywhere.

Yet so many of these same people have absolutely no fear of the God who created the snow. How stupid that is.

If I would be afraid of the snow that could do me bodily harm, should I not much more fear God who created the snow?

Invitation:

If we are afraid to drive in the snow.

If we have a respect for heights.

If we know better than to swim out too far in the deep

How much more should we fear our God who made the Sun, moon stars and seas, and heavens?

How do we show our fear for the Lord and respect for His power?

Deuteronomy 6:1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

Deuteronomy 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

When we fear God we will want to obey Him and keep His commandments.

Which commandments?

Do you know that there is something that God wants you to do every day just like eating your meals? Is there a day that goes by that you do not eat food or drink water? There should not be a day that goes by that you do not obey God's commandments.

Deuteronomy 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

Deuteronomy 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

The Lord said that He fed them with Manna in the wilderness to teach them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord!

Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, said our main purpose in this life is to fear God and keep His commandments.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

This is our supreme duty in this life. This is the proper reaction we should have to His power and majesty.

How do we show that we respect our Lord's power and majesty? We fear Him and keep His commandments. Let's do that in our lives.