

THE POWER GIFTS: Healing, Faith, Miracles & Word Wisdom, Word Knowledge

INTRO:

Lord works through broken vessels

Good teaching will not bring change. God will bring change.

D.L. Moody – Not man, but glory to God.

Samekoms van gelowiges mag nie sentreer rondom 'n persoonlikheid of persoonlikhede nie.

Give the service to God. Pray that you do not be a hindrance to God.

Today is a systematic sermon on the power gifts. We will look at many texts and jump around a lot, so bear with me. This message is not centered around one text and studying one piece of Scripture. While that is good, gaan ons vandag egter 'n sistematiese studie doen oor hoe die 'Krag Gawes' werk ens.

People ask me all the time why we do not see the power gifts manifest anymore in the Body, and my response is a simple one: We have lost our First Love (intimacy with God, from Whom all gifts flow; we seek the gifts, but want nothing of the Giver) and we are an unbelieving generation.

Gifts of Healing - You play a role - Faith:

Starting Point: So my starting point with today's message is: faith. We need faith, we need to ask the Lord to build up our most holy faith. To be able to walk in the supernatural reality of Heaven. Hebreërs 11 sê die volgende oor geloof: *Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

Geloof is belangrik. 'without faith it IS IMPOSSIBLE to please God'. All the gifts require us to believe, it requires us to have faith. This is also true of the gifts of healing. Healing requires not just one person to believe, but both people to believe on the Lord for restoration.

Baie mense oorbeklemtoon God se soewereiniteit wanneer dit kom by genesing. Die mens het 'n rol om te speel. Die mens moet in geloof staan. God is soewerein, maar Hy wil JOU genees. Kan jy dit ontvang? Can you accept the reality that God is Good and that He wants you well?

A man told me once something that stuck with me. This is so simple: "Peter, if you choose to live without the supernatural things of God.....you will." You have to **receive** that which He has given freely. God will not force Himself and His perfect will on us. We need to pursue His healing and the deep things of God. An unrenewed mind will stop heaven and the perfect will of God to manifest in your life.

Markus 6:5-7: *5So He could not perform any miracles there, except to lay His hands on a few of the sick and heal them. 6And amazed at their unbelief, He went around teaching from village to village....*

STORY – Lord heals the lepers. “Wys juisself aan die Hoëpriester...”

Watse patrone informeer jou realiteit? Hierdie wêreld se patrone of die Koninkryk van God? In hierdie ongelowige wêreld hoor ons goed soos: 'I will believe it when I see it...' Will you only believe it once you see it? Or will you walk in faith.. holding on to His reality and not THIS reality.

Gaan jy jouself in geloof aan die Hoëpriester wys, of na jou hande en voete kyk in woede: "Maar ek is dan nie genees nie. Dink die man ek is mal..."

Romans: ***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.***

2 – Kampe: 1) God genees, wie Hy wil. 2) God responds to faith.

²Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

VIDEO: William Jefferson / Duane Miller / Psalm 103

God is not a respecter of persons. If He did it for him, He can do it for you.

2) **Gift of Faith:**

The gift of faith is different from personal faith.

PERSONAL FAITH resides in the heart of every believer and it is the product of the born-again spirit. This is given in mustard seed-form and this faith can grow and develop by hearing and meditating on the Word of God.

- It is also important to know that God doesn't determine the proportion of faith given you. You do! God has given every man **the measure of faith**. Notice it doesn't say, '**a measure**', it says, '**the measure**'. This means that God doesn't give more faith to one than another. (This would make Him a respecter of persons). Every believer receives the same measure of faith. That measure of faith came to you the moment you first heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. You then acted on that faith and were made a new creature in Christ! It is up to us to develop and strengthen that measure into even a greater measure! Faith does in the spirit what muscles do in the body. Every human no doubt is born with the same muscle tissue. This however doesn't mean that we will all grow up to look like Mr. America. Neither would we look at a professional body builder and say, 'My, my. I sure wish that I was born with his muscles.' He wasn't born with more muscles than you. He just did more with them than you did!

When the GIFT OF FAITH is in operation, it is a faith in manifestation beyond your own personal level of faith. Gordon Lindsey said “The gift of faith in operation makes available the limitless vast resources of heaven”. This gift cannot be developed, you can however develop yourself in the operation of this gift. This gift enables the believer to exhort the body and stir the faith of those around him/her.

This is assistance from heaven to believe & walk in the miraculous. The gift of faith is an unshakable faith that comes over one. A gift that is activated to move in the supernatural things of God when all other things point in a different direction. When everything is pointing to the left, but God is saying: “Go right”. **You need the gift of faith to walk by faith and not by sight.** To believe and walk in the **reality of the Kingdom of God, and not the Kingdom of this world.**

2 Stories:

- a) Tube station / asthma miracle – gifts are without repentance
- b) Smith Wigglesworth’s Gift of Faith to see healing when all point to failure (“I know my place, sir”)

3) Gift of Working Miracles & Power:

Voorbeelde: Here maak wind & see stil, vermeerdering van vis & brood, goud in vis se mond, ens.

And... as it relates to healing. We see these gifts working together many times.

Wanneer ‘n persoon genesing ontvang word die proses van genesing in plek gesit. Dit is gewoonlik ‘n proses. Ek het al gehoor van mense wat van HIV/VIGS genees word, waar dit hulle jare neem om totaal gesond te raak. Die VIGS virus is dood, maar dit neem tyd vir die Immuniteitstelsel om te herstel.

Wanneer ons ‘n onmiddellike manifestasie van genesing sien, is dit ‘n wonderwerk. So in a way, instantaneous healing is the gifts of healing and working of miracles manifesting at the same time. VB. Peter & John – coming out of the temple. Petrus sien die verlamde man en se: “Silwer en goud het ek nie, maar dit wat ek het gee ek jou. In die naam van Jesus Christus van Nasaret....”

Wat gebeur met die man? Hy staan op en loop. Die genesing van spiere, ligament en beendere is een ding, maar vir dit om dadelik te manifesteer is ‘n wonderwerk. What is more, this man can walk. Supernaturally he receives the knowledge and muscle memory on the act of walking. He doesn’t require months in an institute to retrain his body. He is just able to walk.

Faith, Miracle & Prophecy working together - Wat het Erika vir haar seun gesê in die kar. Joash! Jesus het vir my gesê Hy gaan jou vandag wys hoe groot Hy is. Hierdie motor sal nou ‘start’ in die naam van Jesus.

The Power Gifts as Manifestation of the Kingdom of God:

We are called to be light & salt. The gifts help us to be light & salt. The gifts help us to bring about the will of the Father. "Our Father Who art in heaven. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven..."

As there is an increase in sanctification & intimacy with God, there will be an increase of operation in gifting and bringing about the will of the Father.

Ek sien nooit dat daar 'n volhoubare vloei van die gawes, sonder Christus is nie. Wat leer Hy ons? "Ek is die ware wynstok en julle die lote. Bly in My soos Ek in julle, want sonder My kan julle niks doen nie."

If the gifts are present without the Giver, the gifts become corrupt.

Storie: John Paul Jackson @ Gypsy carnival / fortune teller / received real gift, but corrupted

So again... we can only manifest His will; His Kingdom if and when we are in Him, as we are transformed into His image.

Romans 8 – "For all of creation groans for the manifestation of the sons of God". The whole context of Romans 8 is our new ID in Christ. We should walk after spirit, not the flesh.

¹⁰ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

All this speaks of 'sanctification'. Sanctification is the renewal of the mind (be not conformed to the patterns of this world, but be ye transformed by the renewal of you minds).

The HIGH Calling – Transformation – Residing in The True Vine

That I might know Him and be conformed unto His image – keep the main thing, the main thing

Salvation – Sanctification / Walking in the Garden – Transformation (manifestation of Sons of God)

Salvation is not the end. It brings you back to square one. Walking with God in the garden. Intimacy with God. Renewing your mind and being transformed into the image of Christ as you behold Him... to what end? For transfiguration or manifestation of the Sons of God

The Church is about to experience this: The Manifestation of the sons of God. The Church has experienced salvation (edict of Nicea), Pentecost (revival at Azuzza street), now God is about to release Transfiguration

upon the Church (10-50 years). People moving in the absolute supernatural things of God. That is your destiny and that is mine. But will we move into it?

You might be asking what does this have to do with the power gifts. This is the whole point. We want to separate the gifts from the giver. Doctrine from God. God is no doctrine, but a Person. It is when we return to our First Love that we will see the power gifts fully restored. For as we commune with Him we are sanctified, we can be used by Him and we become more usable.

3 Examples of the Sons of God Manifesting & The Power Gifts openly flowing:

a) Andrew Murray (GIFT OF FAITH) experienced this: Hy staan stil in die straat vir lank / Shekinah glory / being a glory carrier

b) John G. Lake (GIFT OF HEALING) – Bubonic Plague

c) Petrus se skaduwee (GIFT OF HEALING): When Peter's shadow fell on people they were healed. This example is for you and me. This the atmosphere of heaven manifesting through Peter. Transfiguration.

And Peter knows that it is not Him, but the one that is inside of Him. For Peter knows that a fisherman's shadow cannot bring healing. It is only the shadow of the Living Christ. It is He in us, and not us. Bly in My soos Ek in julle, want sonder My kan julle niks doen nie.

Whether it is prophesy, word of knowledge, healing, working of miracles.... all of these are from the same Spirit. He is the source and power of all gifting.

The Lord spoke to me last year, as I was earnestly pursuing the gifts He told me: You will not experience the power of the Lion, if you do not have the character of the Lamb. The power gifts should never be seen without relationship with Jesus, and being conformed into His image.

Gifts of Words of Wisdom & Words of Knowledge

Word of Knowledge & Word of Wisdom should be used in tandem with the power gifts to build faith. To prepare the ground for a God given miracle.

2 Good examples.

1) Acts 4 is good example – Ananias & Paul

2) Smith Wigglesworth: Today is the day of your healing.

So let's give the floor the Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit Have Your Way Now