**God's Power, Purpose, and Plan**

(Luke 10:19 KJV)

*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.*

(Isaiah 43:7 KJV)

*Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

(Jeremiah 21:11 KJV)

*And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the Lord;*

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hen we first begin to feel the stirrings of God's love in our hearts, we begin to awaken spiritually. Suddenly, instead of being just a mother or father, or a son or daughter, a student, a teacher, an artist, a professional or a sports enthusiast, we discover that we are so much more than we could ever imagine.

In fact, we are souls, each of us a magnificent and multifaceted jewel of radiance, of complexity, of uniqueness and of love. It's a wonderful thing that we were all created in God's image, with infinite possibility and infinite potential.

One of the first things importantly that we need to ask ourselves as we begin to awaken to our spiritual potential, is why am I here? What is God's Power? What is God's purpose for me? What is God's Purpose for our lives. The longing in our heart to know what God's power, purpose and plan is for us, to begin a new directive in our lives.

1. **God's Power For Our Lives**

A police officer weighing 260 pounds may effectively stand before a 18 wheeler and, with a uplifted hand and badge, say, “Stop, in the name of the law.” This police officer certainly can't stop the truck with his physical force but with the authority of his badge—because he is appealing to an authority greater than himself, which is the law to back him up whenever necessary. Your authority over satan is the same identical way. Your authority does not rest in your strength. In fact, you cannot overcome satan with your power but rather with Kingdom Authority from God. And you have that as a child of the King. You have His authority to overcome every attack of satan—with the almighty Power of God.

In the text Jesus had sent out the Twelve, but now he sends out seventy men on a mission. He had asked that prayer be given to the Lord of the harvest for workers to go out into the harvest, and then He says to these, "Go!" He is sending them as lambs among wolves. There will be danger and hostility, as wolves often represent those who consume their enemy.

They are to travel light, stay focused, and keep their mission a priority. They are to rest in the knowledge that God will provide for them. They are to stay in one place and offer a blessing of peace, but if unwelcomed, the blessing will recede from that house. Their main responsibility is to heal the sick and declare the arrival of God’s kingdom.

They are to travel “in pairs.” We think of groups doing mission work door-to-door, always with two people, such as the Mormons or Jehovah’s Witnesses. We can assume that Jesus’ directive is for safety and for mutual encouragement. If you have to do something dangerous or risky, you want to have somebody with you. It’s also a sign that “we’re in this together” as followers of Jesus.

God gives us power to tread upon serpents and scorpions—serpents and scorpions symbolize Satan and demons. The serpent is craft, deceiving. It glides and slithers, dangle and darts. It coils and is venomous. Moreover, serpents swallow their prey to devour them. They crush so as to make one an empty vessel (Jeremiah 51:33,34). They do violence to one’s flesh (Jeremiah 51:35) Serpents bite, but scorpions sting—the sting of death is sin. The strength of sin is the law. (1 Corinthians 15:56) but death and the grave have no victory, because God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

(Philippians 4:13 KJV)

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*