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<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,

Isaiah 9:2-7



the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, ***Mighty God***, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:2-7



<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:2-7



Prior to the intervention of Christ, it had been 800 years since Israel had seen a miracle, 500 years since there had been an angelic visitation and 400 years since a prophetic word had been heard.



“In short, the Church began in power, moved in power and moved just as long as she had power. When she no longer had power she dug in for safety and sought to conserve her gains. But her blessings were like the manna:



when they tried to keep it overnight, it bred worms and stank. So we have had monasticism, scholasticism, institutionalism; and they have all been indicative of the same thing: absence of spiritual power.”

A.W. Tozer



## “Mighty God” Defined

“The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve....”



## “Mighty God” Defined

Power is that which gives life and action to all the perfections of the divine nature...God’s power is like Himself: infinite, eternal, incomprehensible; it can neither be checked, restrained, nor frustrated by the creature.”

Stephen Charnock



<sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

<sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

Luke 1:28-38



<sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” <sup>34</sup>“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

Luke 1:28-38



<sup>35</sup>The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail.”

Luke 1:28-38



<sup>38</sup>“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:28-38



His Power Is Available to Help Us,  
Not Hurt Us

“The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are *highly favored! The Lord is with you.*”

Luke 1:28



His Power Is Available to Help Us,  
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“God is mighty, but despises no one; he is mighty,  
and firm in his purpose.”

Job 36:5



# His Power is Available to Transform Us, Inside-Out

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Luke 1:34-35



# His Power is Available to Transform Us, Inside-Out

Inside-Out means Spirit, Soul and Body:

1. New Birth – John 3:3,5
2. Renewed Mind – Romans 12:1-2
3. Healed Body – Luke 4:16-18



# His Power Is Available To Fill Us and Make Us Fruitful

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8