

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

Power Outage

Leviticus 26:21,27,: ¶And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me... ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

Oh, how we mistakenly take for granted the creature comforts that God has abundantly provided to our generation. It sometimes takes a catastrophic storm, that takes out the power grid, to remind us how dependent we really are on the free-flowing supply of energy that graces our homes, churches, and businesses on a daily basis. Consider the plethora of tools and devices that we use that have that familiar three-pronged cord dangling from it. We merely plug it into the nearest outlet and we are ready to perform the needed task. But when the contrary wind blows a tree down and with it the power feeds from the street transformer, we suddenly realize how utterly dependent we are on the power station that sends the energized stream of current to our location. We are left in the dark to contemplate life during a power outage.

The apostle Paul likens the Gospel of Christ to power: Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;" When equipped with this power tremendous change is effected in the lives of those who experience its truth. Acts 4:33: And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: John 17:2: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. Luke 4:32: And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

Conversely, when devoid of that powerful word, the church has no authority to bring the miraculous change so desperately needed in our current generation. We have the glorious tool in our hand, but if we are not plugged into the power outlet of heaven, what hope have we to accomplish the great work of conversion? It would be like running a circular saw during a power outage and hoping to construct a framed wall.

But it is not just losing the power to run our devices that is so odious. With the approach of nightfall, there is the eerie sensation of the complete darkness that shrouds our homes with a thick pervasive gloominess- "even darkness which may be felt". In the spiritual application Isaiah 59:9: "We wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness." It may be true that men love darkness more than light, but life cannot be sustained without light. One of the outstanding features of the city of God is that there is "no night there". Conversely, Hell is described as "outer darkness" and "the blackness of darkness for ever." What relief is felt by those whose homes are deprived of light for the protracted days of an outage, and then the lights come back on. The jubilation can be heard in the streets. Micah 7:8: I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

Let us thank the Lord for the continual supply of His Power and Light.

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Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17