

## **GOD'S POWER TO CONVICT**

### **Revelation 3:14 - 22**

Matthew 10:28 "... Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

#### **A. The Condition of the People:**

1. To whom was this message written? Revelation 3:14a  
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2. From whom do you think the message came? Revelation 3:14b (See Revelation 1:17a, 18a)  
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3. What did the sender of the message know about the people to whom it was sent? Revelation 3:15a  
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4. What was their true condition in the sight of God? Revelation 3:15b  
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#### **B. The Reaction of God (Jesus) to Their Condition:**

1. What did the people's condition cause God to wish? Revelation 3:15c  
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2. What did God say He would do because of their condition? Revelation 3:16  
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#### **C. The People's Own Idea of Their Condition:**

1. What did these people think was their condition? Revelation 3:17a  
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2. Did they realize their true condition in the sight of God? Revelation 3:17b  
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3. How does God's Word describe them? Revelation 3:17c  
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#### **D. The Remedy for Their Condition:**

1. From Whom could the remedy for their condition be obtained? Revelation 3:18  
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2. What could happen to them because of their condition? Revelation 3:19b  
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3. Of what would this be a proof? Revelation 3:19a  
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4. What were the people to do to make possible the remedy for their condition? Revelation 3:19c  
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5. What did God promise them if they would overcome? Revelation 3:21  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Am I aware of my true condition in the sight of God?  

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2. How does God feel about me, as He sees the innermost thoughts of my heart?  

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

“ O Lord, you have searched me, and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. . . Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

(Psalm 139:1-4, 23, 24)

**PRAYER:**

Dear Lord, I thank You that You dost know everything that is in my heart. You knoweth every good thing that is there, and every bad thing. Help me to see myself as You see me, and to repent of all the sins that are in my heart. Help me to overcome all in my life that is not pleasing to You. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## GOD'S POWER TO SAVE

### Acts 10

Hebrews 7:25 "... He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him..."

**A. The Man Who Needed Salvation:** Read Acts 10:1-8

1. What was the name of the man in this story? Acts 10:1a  
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2. What was his position? Acts 10:1b  
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3. What was probably his nationality? Acts 10:1c  
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4. List four phrases which describe his religious life: Acts 10:2
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Because of his good works, what did God cause him to see? Acts 10:3, 4  
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6. In spite of his good works, what message did he need? Acts 11:14  
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7. Why did the angel not give him this message? (*THINK!*)  
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**B. The Barrier to His Salvation:** Read Acts 10:9-33

1. Who was the man who had the message of salvation? Acts 10:5  
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2. Of what nationality was he? Acts 10:28a  
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3. What had he always thought about those of other nations? Acts 10:28b  
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4. What did God do to show him that this idea was no longer correct?  
Acts 10:9-20, 28  
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5. What was Peter willing to do after this? Acts 10:29  
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**C. The Message of Salvation:**

1. About Whom did Peter's message of salvation center? Acts 10:36b, 38a  
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2. Notice how simple his message was: Acts 10:38-43. What did he say a person must do in order to be cleansed of all his sins? Acts 10:43  
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3. What happened when Cornelius and his friends did what Peter had told them to do?  
Acts 10:44

4. What did Peter tell them to do after this? Acts 10:48

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### QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is **any** barrier to one's salvation too great for God's power to overcome?

2. Can God's power save a person who does not **want** to be saved? How?

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for **me** with **all** your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

### PRAYER:

Dear Lord, help me to seek You with all my heart, as Cornelius did. Teach me that no barrier which would keep me from salvation is too great for Your power to overcome. Help me to be willing for Your power to save me. Then teach me to go forth and win others to You --no matter how great the barriers to their salvation may seem. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

## GOD'S POWER TO KEEP ME FROM FALLING

### Matthew 14:22 - 33

Jude 24 “...(He)...is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”

**A. The Disciples’ “Danger” of Falling:** Read Matthew 14:22-24

1. Where were the disciples planning to go? Matthew 14:22b  
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2. Why were they planning to take this trip? Matthew 14:22b  
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3. What two things did Jesus do as they began their journey?  
Matthew 14:22, 23  
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4. What happened after they had gotten out into the sea? Matthew 14:24  
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5. About how long did this continue? Compare Matthew 14:23b with 25a  
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6. What do you suppose the disciples thought was going to happen to them? (*THINK!*)  
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7. Who was watching all that went on? Mark 6:48  
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8. Should the disciples have been afraid? See questions 2 and 7 above.  
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**B. Peter’s “Danger” of Falling:** Read Matthew 14:25-33

1. Toward the end of the night, how did Jesus cross the sea? Matthew 14:25  
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2. How did the disciples feel when they saw Him? Matthew 14:26  
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3. When Jesus told them it was He, what did Peter ask Him to do to prove it? Matthew 14:28  
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4. What was Peter then able to do, just because Jesus had told him to do it? Matthew 14:29  
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5. What two things caused Peter to begin to fall? Matthew 14:30a, 31b  
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6. What did Peter do as soon as he began to fall? Matthew 14:30b  
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7. How long did Jesus wait before He helped Peter? Matthew 14:31a  
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8. What happened to the disciples’ problem as soon as Jesus and Peter had come into the ship? Matthew 14:32; John 6:21b  
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9. What did all the people in the boat then know about Jesus? Matthew 14:33

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Is there ever any need for any Christian to fall?

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2. Whenever I begin to fall, what should I do?

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**THOUGH FOR THE DAY:**

“When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless (I’ll) stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.”

--Edward Mote

**PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, show me Your power to keep *me* from falling. Help me to have faith to do all that You tell me to do. Whenever I see I am about to fall, help me to cry out to You for help. Help me to know that since You are the Son of God, there is nothing too hard for You --there is *nothing* that You cannot do. In Your name I pray, Amen.

## **GOD'S POWER TO KEEP PROMISES**

### **Genesis 17:1 - 8, 15 - 22**

Romans 4:21 "...Being fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able also to perform."

**A. God's Promises to Abram:** Genesis 12:1-4, 13:14-17, 15:1-6

1. When God first called Abram, what did He promise He would make of him? Genesis 12:2a

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2. What did God later promise about the number of Abram's descendants?

a. Genesis 13:16 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Genesis 15:5 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was Abram's response to these promises? Genesis 15:6

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**B. God's Testings Regarding the Promises:** Genesis 16

1. How old was Abram when he obeyed God's call? Genesis 12:4b

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2. How long did he live in the promised land without having any children? Genesis 16:3b

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3. How did his wife Sarai think that God might be planning to give Abram a son? Genesis 16:2

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4. What did she later realize about this plan? Genesis 16:5a

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5. What was the name of the son that was born to Abram as a result of Sarai's plan? Genesis 16:15

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6. How much longer did Abram have to wait before God gave him any further word about His promise? Compare Genesis 16:16 with Genesis 17:1

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**C. God's Fulfillment of His Promises:** Read Genesis 17:1-8, 15:22

1. What new names did God give to Abram at the age of 99, and to Sarai at the age of 90? Genesis 17:5, 15

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2. What further promise did God make to Abraham at this time? Genesis 17:15, 16

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3. What was Abraham's first response to this promise? Genesis 17:17

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4. What was Sarah's first response when she heard of this promise? Genesis 18:12



5. What challenging question did God ask in connection with this event? Genesis 18:14  
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6. What was Abraham's later response to God's promises?  
(See Romans 4:18-21)  
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7. What was Sarah's later response? (See Hebrews 11:11, 12)  
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8. What was the result of all God's promises to Abraham? Genesis 21:1-3, 7; (See Hebrews 11:11, 12)  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Is any promise of God to me more impossible than that made to Abraham?  
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2. What is my part in bringing about the fulfillment of God's promises to me?  
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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

"We are finding that our big problems are little to His power, and that our little things are great to His love."  
--Jacob Stam

**PRAYER:**

Dear Lord, how I thank You for every promise You have made to me. Teach me to search the Scriptures to discover these promises, and then to believe that You are able to keep them. Help me to be willing to *wait* for Your time to fulfill each promise. Forbid that I should try to "help" You, except by earnest prayer that You will work out Your perfect plan in Your own time. Teach me to trust Your love and Your power fully. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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## GOD'S POWER TO ANSWER PRAYER

### 2 Kings 19:8 - 37

Ephesians 3:20 "...(He) is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

#### A. Hezekiah's Problem:

1. Who had been making attacks against Hezekiah, King of Judah? 2 Kings 18:13  
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2. What had the kings of Assyria done to all the lands around Judah?  
2 Kings 19:11  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When the King of Assyria sent Hezekiah a letter saying that he would destroy Judah also, what did Hezekiah do with the letter? 2 Kings 19:14  
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4. What else did he do? 2 Kings 19:15a  
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#### B. Hezekiah's Prayer:

1. What did Hezekiah ask God to do? 2 Kings 19:16  
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2. Why did he say the kings of Assyria had been able to destroy the gods of the other nations? 2 Kings 19:17, 18  
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3. What did he ask God to do for his own nation? 2 Kings 19:19a  
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4. Why did he ask God to do this? 2 Kings 19:19b  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Isaiah the prophet tell Hezekiah about his prayer? 2 Kings 19:20  
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#### C. God's Prophecy:

1. Against Whom did God say the King of Assyria was really fighting?  
2 Kings 19:22  
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2. What did God say He would do to the King of Assyria? 2 Kings 19:28  
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3. What did God say the King would not be allowed to do? 2 Kings 19:32  
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4. Why did God say He would defend and save the city? 2 Kings 19:34  
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#### D. God's Prophecy Fulfilled:

1. What happened to the armies of the King of Assyria? 2 Kings 19:35  
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2. What happened to the King himself? 2 Kings 19:37
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Have I learned to take all my problems to the Lord in prayer?
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2. Do I pray for *God's* glory, or for the satisfaction of *my own* desires?
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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

"O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"

-- Joseph Scriven

**PRAYER:**

O Lord, may I never try to face my problems alone! May I always turn to You, as Hezekiah did. Keep me from asking for things just because I want them, but help me always to ask for the things that would bring glory to You. Help me when I pray to trust You to give the answer that is in accord with Your perfect will. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

## GOD'S POWER TO BUILD UP

### Luke 2:39 - 52

Acts 20:32 "...God...is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

#### A. Jesus As a Child:

1. Where did Jesus live when He was a child? Luke 2:39  
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2. Notice that during this time there were three ways He grew. Copy the words from Luke 2:40 that tell us about each of these ways:
  - a. Physical growth: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Mental growth: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Spiritual growth: \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Jesus As a Boy of Twelve:

1. When Jesus was twelve years old, where did He go? Luke 2:41, 42  
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2. After Jesus' earthly parents missed Him on their way home, where did they find Him? Luke 2:46a  
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3. What was He doing there? Luke 2:46b  
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4. How did the people in the temple feel about Jesus even at this early age? Luke 2:47  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Even when Jesus was so young, what was the thing He wanted most to do? Luke 2:49  
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#### C. Jesus As a Youth:

1. What was Jesus' relationship to His earthly parents during adolescence? Luke 2:51a  
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2. During this time, Jesus grew in four ways. Copy the words from Luke 2:52 which show how He grew:
  - a. Mentally: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Physically: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Spiritually: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Socially: \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Am I developing in all four of these ways? Or is my development limited to one, two, or three ways? (See Ephesians 4:11-15)  
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2. What makes it possible for me to grow in all four of these ways?  
(See Colossians 2:9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:30)
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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

“O Jesus Christ, grow Thou in me, and all things else recede!

My heart be daily nearer Thee, from Sin be daily freed.

May this poor self grow less and less, be Thou my life and aim;

Oh, make me daily through Thy grace, more meet to bear Thy name!”

--J. C. Lavater (B. B. Smith, Translator)

**PRAYER:**

O, Lord, will You help me to turn over to You every single part of my life, that You may be free to cause me to grow in every way You do see fit. I know that Your power is able to change me from what I am now, to what I ought to be --in every area of my life. Help me to submit to Your power --gladly --that Jesus Christ may be formed in me. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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## GOD'S POWER TO PROVIDE

### 1 Kings 17:1 - 16

2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

#### A. Elijah's Need

1. Who was king of Israel at this time? 1 Kings 16:33a  
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2. What kind of king was he? 1 Kings 16:33b  
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3. Because of this, what did Elijah predict would happen? 1 Kings 17:1  
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4. What need would this cause for Elijah and for other people? (*THINK!*)  
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#### B. God's First Provision:

1. After Elijah's prediction, where did God tell him to go? 1 Kings 17:3  
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2. How did God provide food and water for him there? 1 Kings 17:4-6  
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#### C. God's Second Provision:

1. What eventually happened to the brook Cherith? 1 Kings 17:7  
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2. Where did God then tell Elijah to go? 1 Kings 17:9a  
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3. Who there would give him food? 1 Kings 17:9b  
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4. What two things did Elijah ask the woman to bring him? 1 Kings 17:10, 11  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How much food did the woman have? 1 Kings 17:12a  
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6. What did she expect to do? 1 Kings 17:12b  
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7. What did Elijah tell her to do? 1 Kings 17:13  
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8. What did Elijah promise her? 1 Kings 17:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Did the woman believe Elijah? How do you know? 1 Kings 17:15a  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Did that which Elijah had promised come to pass? 1 Kings 17:15b, 16  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Have I ever experienced God's supernatural working to provide for my needs?  
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2. Am I willing to put God's work first, trusting Him to supply all my needs?  
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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

**PRAYER:**

Father, make me willing to serve You faithfully, as Elijah did, even if it causes needs in my life such as Elijah had. Teach me that as long as You are first in my life, I can absolutely *count* on Your supply of my every need. Help me to be willing as the widow was to give to You first, trusting You to care for me. Forbid that I should feel that I must meet my own needs first, and give You whatever may be left over. May I learn to experience Your supernatural provision for *every* need of mine -- Your supernatural *power* always working in my behalf. For Your own name's sake, Amen.

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## GOD'S POWER FOR THE FUTURE

### 2 Timothy 4:1 – 8, 16 - 18

2 Timothy 1:12b "...He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him..."

#### A. Paul's Advice to Timothy:

1. What did Paul say the Lord Jesus will do at His appearing? 2 Timothy 4:1

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2. Therefore, what should Timothy spend his future doing? 2 Timothy 4:2

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3. What did Paul warn that people would do after a time? 2 Timothy 4:3a

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4. What kind of teachers would they want to hear? 2 Timothy 4:3b, 4

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5. Therefore, what was Timothy to do? 2 Timothy 4:5

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#### B. Paul's Hope for the Future:

1. What had been Paul's one aim in life? (See Acts 20:24)

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2. What could he say at this time? 2 Timothy 4:7

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3. What was going to happen to him very shortly? 2 Timothy 4:6

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4. What would he receive then? 2 Timothy 4:8a

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5. Who else could also receive this? 2 Timothy 4:8b

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6. When Paul was tried, what comfort did he have even though all men forsook him? 2 Timothy 4:16, 17a

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7. What did the Lord enable Paul to do? 2 Timothy 4:17b

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8. In spite of all of Paul's troubles, what confidence did he have concerning the future? 2 Timothy 4:18

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#### QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How much of my life have I really committed to the Lord?  
(See Romans 12:1, 2, 6:13b)

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2. Can I face the future with confidence, knowing that my life is being spent in the way that is most pleasing to God? (See 1 John 3:21; 2 Timothy 1:7)

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

“Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid? Your heart, does the Spirit control?  
You can only be blest and have peace and sweet rest,  
As you yield Him your body and soul.”

-- Hymn by Elisha A. Hoffman

**PRAYER:**

Dear Lord, I thank You that You are able to keep *all* that I have committed unto You; and yet I realize that if I will not turn over certain things to You, You cannot keep them for me. Help me to turn over to You every single part of my life, that You may keep it all for me -- that I might face the future with confidence, as Paul did. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## GOD'S POWER FOR ME

### Isaiah 40:12 - 17, 28 - 31

Isaiah 40:29 "He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increases strength."

#### A. A Description of God;

1. How great are the waters of all the oceans to God? Isaiah 40:12a

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2. How wide are the heavens to Him? Isaiah 40:12b

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3. What could He do with the dust of the earth? Isaiah 40:12c

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4. How would He weigh the mountains and hills? Isaiah 40:12d

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5. How large are the nations in His sight? Isaiah 40:15, 17

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#### B. God's Great Power:

1. Find three names for God in Isaiah 40:28a, and *THINK* about what each means:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does God ever get tired or weary? Isaiah 40:28b

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3. Can anyone know what is in God's mind? Isaiah 40:28c, 13, 14

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#### C. How God Wants to Use His Power:

1. What does God give to those who are faint? Isaiah 40:29a

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2. What does God give to those who have no might? Isaiah 40:29b

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3. When times are so difficult that even the youths faint and are weary, and the young men utterly fall, who will still have strength? Isaiah 40:30, 31a

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4. What three things will these people be able to do? Isaiah 40:31b

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I recognize my own lack of power to live and serve God as I should  
(See 2 Corinthians 3:5; Romans 7:18)

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2. Am I meeting the conditions for enjoying the benefits of God's power in my  
everyday living? Isaiah 40:31a; (See Psalm 27:13, 14)

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

"Channels only, blessed Master, but with all Thy wondrous power  
Flowing through us, Thou canst use us every day and every hour."

--Mary E. Maxwell

**PRAYER:**

Lord, I know that in myself I have no power to face the temptations which come to me day by day. I have no might against the forces of the devil. But You have promised to give power to those who have no power of their own so I would ask You to give power to me, this day, and every day from now on. Help me to learn to wait upon You, that I may renew my strength, and go forth to serve You in Your supernatural power every day. For Jesus' sake, Amen.