

## PRAYER STUDY #100

### **Dunamis: The Power of God**

*And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power [dunamis] and the glory forever. Amen.*

Matthew 6:13

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power [dunamis] that works in us.*

Ephesians 3:20

#### **What is dunamis (doo' nam-is)?**

Dunamis: force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, might, power, strength, violence, a mighty and wonderful work, the resurrection power of God.

#### **Do we have dunamis?**

*"...having a form of godliness but denying its power [dunamis]..." – 2nd Timothy 3:5*

*Remember this! In the last days there will be many troubles because people will love themselves, love money, brag, and be proud. They will say evil things against others and will not obey their parents or be thankful of be the kind of people God wants. They will not love others, will refuse to forgive, will gossip and will not control themselves. They will be cruel, will hate what is good, will turn against their friends, and will do foolish things without thinking. They will be conceited, will love pleasure instead of God, and will act as if they serve God but will not have his power [dunamis]... - 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-5*

*You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving: they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power [dunamis] that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-5*

#### **How do we get dunamis?**

##### **1. From God**

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power [dunamis] and of love and of a sound mind. – 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:7*

## 2. By being Baptized in the Holy Spirit

*But you shall receive power [dunamis] when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8*

*And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power [dunamis], that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power [dunamis] of God. – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-5*

## 3. By waiting in Jerusalem (the city of God or the inner court of the tabernacle)

*Behold, I send the Promise of the Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power [dunamis] from on high. – Luke 24:49*

## 4. By the power of the preaching of the Cross

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power [dunamis] of God. – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18*

*For Jews request a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power [dunamis] of god and the wisdom of God. – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:22-24*

## 5. Believing the Gospel Message

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power [dunamis] of God unto salvation who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. – Romans 1:16*

## 6. The Coming of the Kingdom

*And He said to them, assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power [dunamis]. – Mark 9:1*

## 7. Intimately knowing God

*...that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the Saints and what is the exceeding greatness of His power [dunamis] towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power [kratos = dominion] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the*

heavenly places. – Ephesians 1:18b-20

## 8. Boasting in our infirmities

*And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, most gladly, I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power [dunamis] of Christ may rest upon me. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:9*

### Other scriptures dealing with dunamis

*Jesus answered them [the Sadducees], you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power [dunamis] of God. – Matthew 22:29*

*He will also go before Him in the spirit and power [dunamis] of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. – Luke 1:17*

[Jesus begins His ministry] *Then Jesus returned in the power [dunamis] of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. – Luke 4:14*

*Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power [dunamis] and great glory. – Matthew 24:30*

*And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power [dunamis] of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” - Luke 1:35*

*Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this is! For with authority and power [dunamis] He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.” – Luke 4:36*

[Sending out the Twelve] *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power [dunamis] and authority over all demons, and to cure disease. – Luke 9:1*

[Stephen accused of blasphemy] *And Stephen full of faith and power [dunamis] did great wonders and signs among the people. – Acts 6:8*

*For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power [dunamis]. – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:20*

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power [dunamis] may be of God and not for us. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:7*