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Understanding Your Power

Ephesians 1:15-23

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making **mention of you in my prayers**: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him, **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; 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 toward us who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **far above** all principality and power and might and dominion, and **every name that is named**, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His

body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:15-23
NKJV

Here is Paul's prayer:

Point #1: Yahweh may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him

Point #2: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened
Eyes of your understanding:

Point #3: That you may know what is the hope of His calling

Point #4: What are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

Point #5: And what is the exceeding greatness of His **power toward us who believe**

Point #6: And He passed it onto us!

Point #1: Yahweh may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him

The Spirit World:

We don't fight against Flesh and Blood:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**” Ephesians 6:10-12 NKJV

Go with this Power and Authority:

“Then He called His twelve disciples together and **gave them power and authority over all demons**, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

“Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” So

they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.” Luke 9:1-6 NKJV

Go do these things:

“After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Luke 10:1

And **heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’** Luke 10:9

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “**Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.**” And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.** Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, **that the spirits are subject to you,** but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”” Luke 10:17-20 NKJV

Wrong Name—Bad Exorcism:

“Now God worked **unusual miracles** by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the

sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists **took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus** over those who had evil spirits, saying, **“We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.”** Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, **“Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”** Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks **dwelling in Ephesus**; and fear fell on them all, **and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.** And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic **brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.** And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” Acts 19:11-20 NKJV

The Results: Riots in Ephesus

“When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.” So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him,

Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time. And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way. For a **certain man named Demetrius**, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. **He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: “Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.** So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship.” Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians!” **So the whole city was filled with confusion**, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel companions. And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him. Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater. Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And

Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people. But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: "**Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Zeus? Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly.** For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your goddess. Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a case against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. But if you have any other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in the lawful assembly. For we are in danger of being called in question for today's uproar, there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering." And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly." Acts 19:21-41 NKJV

One more demonstration of spiritual warfare:

"Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs **a man with an unclean spirit**, who

had his dwelling among the tombs; and **no one could bind him**, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. **When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”** For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” Then He asked him, **“What is your name?” And he answered, saying, “My name is Legion; for we are many.”** Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. **Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind.** And they were

afraid. And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled." Mark 5:1-20 NKJV

The Spirit Realm is real.

- Recognize it
- Recognize you have power over it!
- Recognize that power is only real under ONE NAME

Wisdom:

"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: **Do not forsake my law.** When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me: "**Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love**

her, and she will keep you. **Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.** And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you." Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths." Proverbs 4:1-11 NKJV

Revelation:

All Truth—The HS will take what is Mine and give it to you!

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for **He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you." John 16:12-15 NKJV

All things!

“as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV

A prime example:

The Mysteries of the Kingdom are yours to know!

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, **But the glory of kings is to search out a matter**. As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.” Proverbs 25:2-3 NKJV

The Soils Parable and the mysteries of the Kingdom!

“And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” And the disciples came and

said to Him, **“Why do You speak to them in parables?”** He answered and said to them, **“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,** but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.** And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, **And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,** Lest they should **understand with their hearts** and turn, So that I should heal them.’ **But blessed are your eyes for they see,** and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” Matthew 13:2-17 NKJV

- ☑ You need the wisdom and revelation to know...
- ☑ Know what?
- ☑ To know what HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO YOU!

Point #2: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened

Eyes of your understanding:

The Eyes are the Lamp of the body:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **“The lamp of the body is the eye.** If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!” Matthew 6:19-23 NKJV

Again the parable of the soils:

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for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it,** and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” Matthew 13:14-17
NKJV

Scales fall from Paul’s eyes:

“And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight** at once; and he arose and was baptized.” Acts 9:17-18 NKJV

Heal the blind!

“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was **blind from birth.** And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “**Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.** I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and **He anointed the eyes of the blind man** with the clay. And He

said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and **came back seeing.**" John 9:1-7 NKJV

Are you the one?

"And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "**Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?**" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: **The blind see** and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.'" Matthew 11:2-6 NKJV

- Prophets of old wished they could see what you see.
- Physical blinders are a metaphor for spiritual blindness

Point #3: that you may know what is the **hope of His calling**

Hope:

Hope will not disappoint!

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, **and rejoice in hope of the glory of God**. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now **hope does not disappoint**, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

The Hope of Glory: Messiah in you!

“I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. Him we preach, **warning every man and teaching every man** in all wisdom, that we may present every man **perfect** in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.” Colossians 1:24-29 NKJV

Calling:

The High Calling!

“Not that I have already attained, or am already **perfected**; but I **press on**, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I **press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**. Therefore let us, as **many as are mature**, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.” Philippians 3:12-15 NKJV

Those He called he WILL justify!

“Moreover whom He predestined, **these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified**; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.” Romans 8:30 NKJV

Author and finisher:

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the **author and finisher** of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

Greater things!

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. “Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”
John 14:10-14 NKJV

- ☑ Hope will NEVER disappoint you
- ☑ The Hope of His glory is Messiah in you!
- ☑ The High calling is to become just like Y’shua
- ☑ Those He called with do greater things!
- ☑ He will finish what He started!

Point #4: what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

Inheritance:

Adopted to receive an equal inheritance!

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs** with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty of the children of God.**” Romans 8:15-21 NKJV

- The Spirit of Adoption
- Joint means the SAME
- The glory that will be revealed in you is Christ in you!

☑ Complete liberty

Point #5: and what is the exceeding greatness of His **power toward us who believe**

Power:

Far above any other power!

according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all principality and power and might and dominion**, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:19-23

The Promise!

““These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, **whom the Father will send** in My name, He **will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:25-26 NKJV

Authority:

“Behold, I **give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 NKJV

Let Me open your mind to understand the power the is coming!

“Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” **And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.** Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. **Behold, I send the Promise** of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.**”” Luke 24:44-49 NKJV

He had to leave as promised so the HS would come as promised and it was on that day (day 40 of 50) that He left!

“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them,

that **He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.** And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.”

Luke 24:50-53 NKJV

You WILL receive Power.

“Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **But you shall receive power 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 end of the earth.” Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” Acts 1:6-9 NKJV

And now the Power

“**When the Day of Pentecost had fully come,** they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were

all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

- ☑ Teach you all things
- ☑ Give you all authority
- ☑ The HS is an absolute promise!
- ☑ He left on day 40
- ☑ The HS came on the day of Pentecost (day 50)

Point #6: And He passed it onto us!

I have all authority and I am passing it on to you—now Go!

The great commission should now take on a whole new meaning!

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore** and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

- ☑ All authority is mine
- ☑ I give it you... Go therefore!

- ☑ And do what?
- ☑ Make disciples which has two parts! Not one!
- ☑ Baptize—representing the Gospel of the Salvation
- ☑ Teach to observe (hear and do) all His Commandments—
representing the Gospel of the Kingdom