

### The Anointing 3

#### The Anointing is Ability from God

Christianity is a Power (Ability) religion. It is based upon ability (power): God's ability to create, redeem and re-create through judgement, the ability of Jesus Christ to make Himself an offering for the sin of the world, the ability of the Holy Spirit to fill the believer and the ability of the believer, by faith, to move mountains. Our God is mighty to save (Is 63:1) and He saves to the uttermost [Greek panteles = pan+telos, all ends/ways, completely] (Heb 7:25). We will look at ability four ways:

**1) The ability of God.** God is the source of all ability. It is God who makes possibility possible.

**2) The ability of Jesus Christ.** Jesus Christ broke the power of sin which destroys and compromises ability.

**3) The ability of the Disciples.** They received personal directions from Jesus.

**4) The ability of the Believer.** We access the life of Christ by faith. To the believer everything is possible by faith. This is a new level of being. We will study ability by closely examining scripture so that what is said will have strong Biblical support.

**1) The ability (power) of God.**

#### OT Themes

Gen 17:1 'I am God Almighty, walk before Me and be blameless'

Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Sarah to conceive)

Ex 16:11 who is like you, O Lord, among the gods, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? (Israel is always based on the miraculous e.g. the exodus.)

Ex 15:16 You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, you have made for your abode

Deut 7:21 you shall not be in dread of them for the Lord your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God

Deut 11:2 consider the discipline of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm

Ps 29:9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forest bare and in His temple all the people cry, 'Glory'

Ps 62:11 Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this: that power (strength) belongs to God

Ps 68:34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies

Ps 68:35 Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel - He is the one who gives power and strength to His people

Ps 77:14 You are the God who works wonders

Is 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth ... He stretches out the heavens like a curtain

Is 40:29 God gives power to the faint and to him who has no might He increases strength

Jer 5:22 God placed the sand as the boundary to the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass

Jer 27:5 It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth and I give it to whom I will

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord God, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and your outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for you ... O great and mighty God!

Jer 32:27 Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me?

#### NT Themes

Mtt 19:26 Jesus said to His disciples: 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible'

Mk 10:27 with God all things are possible

Lk 1:37 No word [Gk: rhema] will be impossible for God

Lk 18:27 What is impossible with men is possible with God  
Rom 16:25 Now to Him who is able to strengthen (establish, make firm) you according to my gospel  
Eph 3:30 God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think  
Col 1:29 For this I strive struggling with all the energy that he powerfully works within me (literally: for which I labour, striving according to the working of His working within me with power).

**We are able because God is able. By faith release the vision.**

## **2) The Ability of Jesus Christ**

The ability of Christ lies in who He is:

John 1:1 He is the Word of God

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God

Col 2:9 In Him all the fullness of the godhead dwells bodily

Rev 1:5-6 From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.

Jesus Christ is able because of who He is, what He has done and the place He now occupies. All the glory and ability of God are expressed in Jesus Christ. Even as Jesus (as man) submitted to the Father (Jn 5:19-21) we submit to Him and walk under His commandment (Jn 14:15), authority (Mtt 28:18), covering (Mk 16:17-18), redemption (Eph 1:7) and anointing (1Jn 2:20). Jesus Christ is everything to us who believe. He has given (made available) everything to us as believers. Faith places us in the place of receiving (Heb 11:6). Christ has prepared a life (of ability) for us to walk in (Eph 2:10) for His glory (not ours). We are corrupted when we take the glory to ourselves; this is of the essence of Satan. For all things are yours ... and you are Christ's and Christ is God's (1Cor 3:21-23).

## **3) The Ability of the Disciples**

The disciples had a direct relationship with Jesus Christ. He called them individually and physically. He taught them, equipped them and sent them out individually and physically. And He 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 (Lk 9:1-2). This combination of ability and authority (the authority releases the ability) is over unclean spirits, diseases (infections) and infirmities (weaknesses, softness). The disciples were not only dealing with infections but also with languor, listlessness and weakness (which sounds like depression). Their power was to restore people from a state of sin and condemnation. We can come under a state (place) of condemnation when we submit to iniquitous words spoken by (significant) others, ourselves or demonic forces and images in our life. By faith, pronounce a word of healing and restoration over your own life. Similarly, Jesus sends out 72 disciples (Lk 10:1-20). The disciples return rejoicing at the authority that they have over demons. But Jesus replies, 'I give you 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' (:19-20).

**Three sayings Jesus spoke to His Disciples about Ability.**

**Mk 9:23 If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.** This is concerning the healing of the epileptic boy (Mk 9:14-29). The father brings the boy to Jesus and the unclean (mute)

spirit, upon seeing Jesus, convulses the child. But Jesus commands the spirit to leave the child and never to enter him again. When the disciples question Jesus about their inability to cast out the demon, Jesus replies that 'this kind is able to be cast out by nothing except prayer (and fasting)'.

**Mk 10:27 With men it is impossible but not with God; for with God all things are possible.**

Jesus is talking about the rich young ruler when He observes how difficult it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. What impresses humans does not impress God. What is impossible for man is possible for God. God makes a way where there isn't a way (Hillsong).

**Mk 11:22-24 Have the faith of God. I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and cast into the sea' and does not doubt (waver) in his heart but believes that those things he says are happening, it will be as he says.**

Speaking into a situation is about 1) having the faith of God. Whatever the challenge 2) one has to speak to the mountain (obstacle) and tell it what to do. Be clear about what the mountain is. A challenge need not be an obstacle but heart attitude can be frustrating our response. Wavering (doubting) is 3) having alternatives. We need to be committed (devoted, consecrated) to what we say. We need to 4) believe that it is happening and 5) it will be as we say. The keys are coming from a God position, speaking into the situation and not wavering. The believing is expressed in what we say. We must be careful what comes out of our mouth. Great possibilities can be destroyed by what we actually are saying. My mouth assembles my destiny: watch what you say.

#### **4) The Ability of the Believer (Us)**

The disciples had Jesus for their immediate assistance. How do we 2000 years later get hold of what Jesus gave to His disciples? We obtain it BY FAITH. Whatever Jesus offered those who followed Him physically, we obtain by believing. By faith we enter into what Jesus Christ has for us. If Peter was the leader of the disciples who knew Jesus in the flesh then Paul was the champion of the believers who follow Jesus in the Spirit. Although Paul may have been alive when Jesus was alive, Paul never met Jesus in the flesh. However, he believed that Jesus appeared to him (1Cor 15:8). Originally, Ananias explained to him what Jesus wanted him to do (Acts 9:17). I love the way the believing (obedient) Ananias can immediately call the persecutor Saul, 'Brother Saul'. Ananias is under an anointing (obeying implicitly a spirit revelation). Saul immediately starts preaching the revelation of who Jesus really is (:20). Saul becomes Paul and not only demonstrates who Jesus is from scripture (:29) but he starts to evidence the power of Christian living (e.g. Acts 14:19-20). The believer works by faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. For he who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6). To get what God has for us in Jesus Christ means that we must release (exercise) faith. If we do not have faith then we can get faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17). We have to listen so that we can hear. As we listen to the Word of God at ever deeper levels of our being, faith comes and grows. Deeper faith is a deeper capacity to live, love, grow and accomplish what previously we thought was impossible. It is the ability of Christ in us by faith. Jesus Christ is the Man of Faith and believing in Him requires and generates faith living. We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power (ability) may be of God and not of us (1Cor 4:7). Paul explains (:8-:12) how we carry about the

dying of the Lord Jesus. This is all possible by the spirit of faith (:13). Be renewed in the spirit of your mind (Eph 4:23). That is, the spirit of faith not depression, unbelief, bitterness, withdrawal or laziness.

**What the Believer obtains/ experiences by faith**

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ

Gal 5:23 I have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires

Gal 6:14 the world has been crucified to me and me to the world

Eph 1:3 every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places

Eph 1:4 chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world

Eph 1:5 predestined to adoption in Jesus Christ

Eph 1:7 redemption through His blood

Eph 1:11 in Him we have an inheritance

Eph 1:13 we are sealed in the Holy Spirit of promise

Eph 1:17 a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

Eph 2:6 God made us sit together with Christ in the heavenlies

Eph 2:8 by grace we are saved through faith

Eph 2:10 we are His workmanship created in Christ for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them

Eph 3:16 that we be strengthened by might in the inner man

Eph 3:17 that Christ dwell in our heart by faith

Eph 3:18 that we comprehend with all the saints all the dimensions of the love of Christ and be filled by all the fullness of God

Eph 3:20 by the ability at work in us, God can do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think

Eph 4:22-24 put off the old man and put on the new man

Phil 1:21 for me to live is Christ and to die is gain

Phil 2:17 I am poured out as a drink offering (2Tim 4:6)

Phil 3:14 I press toward the goal of the prize of the high calling

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Col 1:27 Christ in you (me) the hope of glory

Col 2:10 you are complete in Him who is the head of all ability