

## The Power of God

Acts 19:11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. 13 Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” 14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. 15 [One day] the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” 16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. 17 When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. 18 Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. 19 A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. 20 In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. 21 After all this had happened, Paul decided to go to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia. “After I have been there,” he said, “I must visit Rome also.” 22 He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he stayed in the province of Asia a little longer.

### What Do We Know of the Miraculous Power of God?

1. God can do any \_\_\_\_\_ at any \_\_\_\_\_ and any \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Psa. 46:7 The LORD Almighty is with us; (Almighty used 345 times in Scripture)*
2. God gave certain followers the \_\_\_\_\_ to use His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matt. 10:7 As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Luke 9:2 and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

The Apostles and their designated associates did \_\_\_\_\_ one of the \_\_\_\_\_ recorded in Acts!

Views of Healings and Miracles today:

### The Extraordinary Miracles Done through Paul

- Paul was able to \_\_\_\_\_ people through God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- Acts 19:11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul,
- This healing ministry was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul.
  - This healing was a confirmation of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mark 16:20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Acts 14:3 So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.

### The Handkerchiefs and Aprons --

- This power was \_\_\_\_\_ available to Paul anytime and anyplace.
- 2Cor. 12:8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” . . .
- 1Tim. 5:23 Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.
- 2Tim. 4:20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

### What Happens When Others Try to Do Such Things?

Sceva was a Jewish “chief priest” who was probably a traveling \_\_\_\_\_ . (*Ephesus was famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ spells.*)

His sons heard about Paul’s ability to exorcise \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to use Paul’s “\_\_\_\_\_.”

The demon answered: “Jesus we \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul we \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ are you?”

The demon gave the seven men a beating and \_\_\_\_\_ (*traumatizo*) them.

This event became well publicized and Jews and Gentiles were \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- They honored the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
- They \_\_\_\_\_ their sins
- They \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation to return to their old ways.

When this happens, there is revival!

### The Work of the Church

After this, Paul decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his journey by going to Macedonia and Achaia. What was the purpose? \_\_\_\_\_!

He \_\_\_\_\_ his Fourth Adventure -- to \_\_\_\_\_!

He \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy and Erastus ahead to \_\_\_\_\_ the way.  
*Rom. 16:23 . . . Erastus, who is the city’s director of public works, . . .*

### What We Should “Take Home with Us”

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