

THE SCRIPTURES AND THE POWER OF GOD

After hearing the questions of the Sadducees who, as was their custom, were looking for any opportunity to accuse the Christ of wrongdoing, Jesus said the following: "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29). Examining this statement provides us with proof that, if we rely on the scriptures, we will know God's power. Consequently, if we forget the scriptures and their ability to provide us with direction, we will be without the power of God.

At the very outset of the Bible, the holy scriptures and God's power are made to coexist. The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). This simple statement of scripture bears the greatest power of all – that the only true and living God created everything we know from nothing. After all, the Hebrew writer stated that the things which we see in creation were made from things which were invisible and nonexistent (Hebrews 11:3).

Throughout the New Testament, we read of Jesus' life, His teachings, His example, and His love-filled sacrifice. Through faith in Him and obedience to His commands we can be saved (John 8:24; John 14:15). It makes sense, then, that Paul told the Romans that the scriptures which compose the gospel are indeed the "power unto salvation" (Romans 1:16).

As we think about our lives and make it our goal to please the God of all creation, let us remember that the scriptures which He has provided for us clearly paint a picture of power beyond measure and of love beyond comprehension. Let us always turn to the scriptures, depend upon their truths and live with the power of the Almighty God.

"For the God of heaven has given you ... power" Daniel 2:37

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