

**POWER FOR GOD'S WORK-PART 2**  
**ZECHARIAH 4:1-10**

**Introduction**

As we began to look at this passage, we said you can live without power. But why would you want to when power is available?

The Bible says that if Jesus Christ lives in us, all of Heaven's power is available to us! But we have to put that power to work!

Tonight from Zechariah 4, I want to help us to be able to do that. I've already shared with you the first truth out of this chapter, and tonight I want to show you 2 more truths about how to put God's power to work in your life:

The message from Zechariah 4 is "**POWER FOR GOD'S WORK.**"

Just to review for a moment we said:

**I. GOD'S POWER COMES BY HIS SPIRIT (Vs. 1-6)**

**We said that, God wanted to encourage Zerubbabel as he led the people in rebuilding the Temple.** They had been thwarted time and time again in their efforts to build the Temple. So, God told him **that this work could not be done by mere human strength, power, or prowess.**

**He would need God's power to do this work, and that means He would need God's Spirit.** Now understand that God's power by God's Spirit is necessary to successfully do anything for God!

The same holds true for Israel today. **Presently, Israel is building a state based on the strength of politics, negotiations, and military power.** But we know that these things will not lead to their goal of being reestablished peacefully in the land of Israel with their original borders intact.

The same holds true for us today!

**We can only have God's power by His Spirit. Jesus told His disciples before He ascended:**

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*Acts 1:8—"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."*

**To have God's power means you have the Spirit working in your life. How do you do that?**

**First of all, you must receive the Spirit.** This happens when you get saved!

*Romans 8:9—"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."*

If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit already lives in you! You don't have to pray Him in, or beg Him to come in—He's already there! His power is already in you!

He wants to work in you and through you, but in order for that to happen, **you also must also "...be filled with the Spirit"** Eph 5:18.

To be filled with the Spirit means to be controlled by the Spirit, to surrender your life to His direction and leading.

That happens as you obey God's Word and fellowship with Him in the Word and prayer.

So what we want to look at tonight is this: With all the power of the Holy Spirit working in our life, what can we do?

Zechariah once again speaks to Zerubbabel and this is what we will look at in detail in the next part of this message!

**II. NO TASK IS TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL FOR GOD'S POWER! (Vs. 7-10)**

Different work requires different amounts of power.

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Some things in your house run off of 120 volts. Other things run off of 220 volts.

If you want to tow a canoe, you can probably use almost any vehicle. But if you want to tow a fifth wheel travel trailer, you'll need a lot more horsepower than the average vehicle has!

Different work requires different amounts of power. But the beautiful thing about God's power is that He is Omnipotent! That means He can handle it all! No task is too big or too small!

**A. God's Power Can Handle Big Tasks!**

Zerubbabel and his friends faced some "mountain-sized" problems in the rebuilding of the Temple.

In Zerubbabel's time, just like today, Israel was surrounded by many enemies, each one bent on their destruction!

There were also, no doubt, the usual complainers and naysayers among the builders themselves. It was not easy, and I'm sure there had to have been times when even Zerubbabel felt like just giving up!

That's why God speaks to the "*mountains*" threatening to defeat Zerubbabel in **vs. 7. (read)**

**Vs. 9** says Zerubbabel started the job and would finish the job and that would prove that God had sent His Word through Zechariah.

No mountain would stand in the way; because no task is too big for God's power!

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**B. God's Power Can Handle Small Tasks! (Vs 10a)**

*"For who hath despised the day of small things?"*

Apparently, somebody had!

It seems there were people then whose ancestors are still around now. No doubt there were some who were saying: *"This whole thing's a waste of time."* *"This rinky-dink shack we call a Temple won't stand."* *"Nobody cares about what we're doing here, nobody notices."*

But verse 10 paints a different picture. *"Those seven...they are the eyes of the Lord."*

7 is the number of perfection, and the 7 eyes of the Lord represent His omniscience, or all-seeing, all-knowingness.

God looks at this "*little*" work, and He rejoices! The Lord Who sees everything, sees Zerubbabel with the plumb line putting the finishing touches on the Temple and He rejoices!

This job that seemed so small and insignificant had a big place in God's plans! Many would worship God in this Temple; many would come to remember how God kept His promise and brought His people back home. And, most importantly, the Messiah Himself would adorn this Temple by His very presence in the flesh!

This "*small task*" would have a big impact in God's scheme of things! God's power shows up in even the "smallest" tasks!

**How does God's power need to work in your life?**

**Maybe it's a big task:** Changing a heart; repairing a relationship, healing a hurt, coming up with money to pay your bills.

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**Or maybe it seems like a small task:** motivating you to pray more, or come to Church more faithfully, or helping you be more merciful or forgiving.

Whatever or wherever we need God's power to work in our lives, we need to remember this: **no task is too big for Him to handle AND no task is too small for Him to notice!**

God's power, working through His Spirit, is always enough to handle whatever our need or problem may be!

What task do you need God's power to handle tonight? Don't be afraid to bring it to Him! His power is always enough to do whatever needs to be done!

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**III. GOD'S POWER WORKS THROUGH HIS PEOPLE!(Vs. 11-14)**

Power has to be channeled to do any good. Electrical power is channeled through wires to a transformer on a pole, and then through that transformer to wires in your home. The wiring is the channel, the conduit, the instrument through which the power flows.

**God's power, by His Spirit, also uses a conduit, a channel, an instrument through which His power flows—you and me!**

His Spirit and His power work through His people! That is the point of vs. 11-14.

Zechariah is still curious about the two olives trees, and so he questions his angelic host, who again seems to think Zechariah should already know. But he goes on to explain in **verse 14**.

Now, let's think about the context again. People were anointed in Israel to set them apart for some special mission for God.

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**Kings were anointed, priests were anointed, prophets were anointed—all with oil, as a sign of the Spirit and a sign they were chosen by God to serve Him.**

**Now understand that these two olive branches have a three-fold prophetic significance:**

**A. During Zechariah's Day, They Represented Zerubbabel And Joshua—Zerubbabel was anointed as Israel's ruler and Joshua was anointed as Israel's high priest.**

In the immediate scheme of things, these two olive trees represent these two men, through whom the Holy Spirit (the oil) flowed into the Temple!

Their offices of king and priest are both united and fulfilled in the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ!

They were channels of God's Spirit and His power to complete the rebuilding of the Temple!

Could I tell you that God's Spirit still seeks people through which His power can flow!

**B. Presently These Two Anointed Ones Refer To The Church—Comprised of kings and priests who are indwelt by Spirit and are to be conduits of His Spirit! (Revelation 1:6)**

*Matthew 10:19-20—“But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.”*

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*John 7:37-38—“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”*

**C. In The Future, They Point To The Two Witnesses Of Revelation 11:3-4.**

**Conclusion**

Throughout the Bible, from Samson to Moses, from David to John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit works through people—People who stand with the Lord of the whole earth, who are filled with His Spirit, who are not only willing but eager to do God’s work in this world.

You don’t have to be a preacher. You don’t have to be perfect or sinless. All you have to do is be filled with the Spirit, and eager to do God’s will wherever you are!

The Holy Spirit is still looking for people through which God’s power can be demonstrated to this world. He’s looking for young or old, single or married, rich or poor, man or woman- He can use anybody! Could it be you He’s looking for?

The question is: **Will you be a person who is fully and wholly consecrated to God?**

He has come Himself into our lives by His Holy Spirit—the Spirit of power, Who can help us handle anything, Who wants to flow through us and work through us. You’ve got the power through Him! Will you use it?

Israel’s politics are destined to fail. They will only succeed through Israel’s Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ! But listen, apart from God’s Spirit being in what we do, we are destined to fail too!