

POWER

People love power. They think it gives them control over the behaviour of others, and many authority figures think they can even control those souls. We do need leaders, but we all want them to be benevolent - a rare combination. Most leaders believe their personal survival in their position of power depends upon their performance, and therefore, will do anything to secure their position. This is clearly abuse of power, but all too common. Such power-mad people fail to even admit there is a HIGHER POWER, named God, who orders everything in this world, even to the extent of letting evil permeate society for a time. Genesis 17:1 *The Lord appeared unto Abram, and said unto him: "I am the almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect"*. No person in a position of authority and power ever got there without God granting it.

It's easy to identify powerful leaders around the world who have risen up for all the wrong reasons, but there is One who is in such a position for all the right reasons; and that is God's only Son, The Man Christ Jesus. God has anointed Him with power from on high; power over the entire universe and everything in it. The world doesn't see that yet, but it will. Be assured that the day is coming, and soon, when the Lord Jesus will be gloriously displayed to everyone on earth as all-powerful. The Bible says in Psalm 72:11 *Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him.*

Where will you be then?

The end-time events may start within your lifetime or soon after, but the book of Revelation gives us a picture of what's coming – world-wide judgment and personal judgment. Hebrews 9:27 *As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.* And in Revelation 20:11-12 *I saw a great white throne.....And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books, according to their works.*

And let's face it, everyone's "works" are bad when placed against God's standard of perfection. God gave you a free will, permitting you to obey and worship Him because you chose to. But instead, from Adam and Eve on down we have all chosen to follow our own will. Isaiah 53:6 *All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way.* Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Only one rescue plan

There is just one way to escape the holy judgment of God upon your sins, and that is to lay hold of God's free offer, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved* Acts 16:31. It's a short step in order to have peace with God, but it means declaring before Him you are guilty and hopeless, believing on Jesus Christ as the only possible Saviour, and trusting completely in all He accomplished at Calvary, when His blood was shed.

Instantly, you will have eternal life. Your sins will all be gone from God's sight - erased from the record books. You will escape the coming judgment, and have an assured place with Jesus in heaven. You are offered this wonderful position only while you're still alive. *Now is the day of salvation* 2 Corinthians 6:2. You dare not put it off!

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