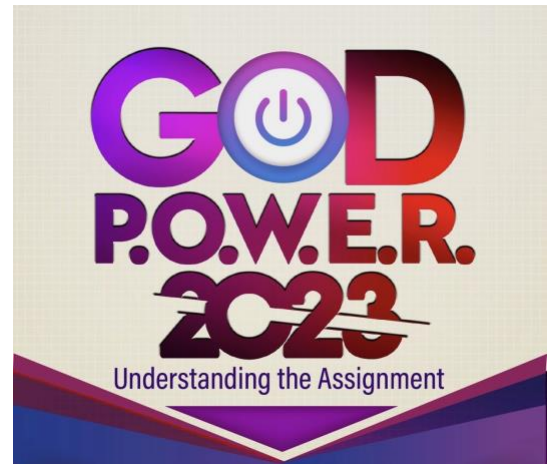


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Part 2

Wednesday in the Word

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2023 Focus: GOD P.O.W.E.R: Understanding The Assignment

“KNOWING YOUR ASSIGNMENT”

- ❖ Human beings were created with a purpose.
- ❖ Divine assignments precede human births.
- ❖ We were placed on Earth to solve problems.
- ❖ Failure to understand assignments will lead to abuse or forfeiture of it.
- ❖ Often our backgrounds & history are precursors of our assignments.

The Lenten season gives us an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus prior to the fulfilling of His assignment. The Gospel of John focuses on the divinity of Jesus. Jesus' life is presented through “Seven signs or seven miracles.”

Scriptures:

Genesis 4:1-12 (MSG)

“Adam slept with Eve his wife. She conceived and had Cain. She said, “I’ve gotten a man, with God’s help!” Then she had another baby, Abel. Abel was a herdsman and Cain a farmer. Time passed. Cain brought an offering to God from the produce of his farm. Abel also brought an offering, but from the firstborn animals of his herd, choice cuts of meat. God liked Abel and his offering, but Cain and his offering didn’t get his approval. Cain lost his temper and went into a sulk. God spoke to Cain: “Why this tantrum? Why the sulking? If you do well, won’t you be accepted? And if you don’t do well, sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it’s out to get you, you’ve got to master it.” Cain had words with his brother. They were out in the field; Cain came at Abel his brother and killed him. God said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “How should I know? Am I his babysitter?” God said, “What have you done! The voice of your brother’s blood is calling to me from the ground. From now on you’ll get nothing but curses from this ground; you’ll be driven from this ground that has opened its arms to receive the blood of your murdered brother. You’ll farm this ground, but it will no longer give you its best. You’ll be a homeless wanderer on Earth.”

Hebrews 11:4 (KJV)

“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.”

I) The Importance of Sacrifice

- A. Cain brought fruit of the ground.
- B. Abel brought God the best of his flock.
- C. Cain's gift was half-hearted.
- D. Some suggest that Cain wanted atonement without "blood."
- E. Cain was supposed to love his brother.

II) The Inspiration of Belief That's Strong

- A. Faith - **pistis** (Greek Word)
- B. **Pistis** means strong belief, conviction or persuasion.
- C. Abel is mentioned as a hero even when family didn't regard him as such.

III) The Integrity That Moves The Sovereign

- A. Abel's gift revealed his character.
- B. Abel received God's commendation.

IV) The Inability to Stop Your Sound

- A. Bring your best to God.
- B. It takes blood to cover your sins.
- C. Your work for God should outlive you.
- D. Jesus is still speaking.

