

Word Studies 8: Powers

[Matt 24:29](#) Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

[Mark 13:25](#) And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

[Luke 21:26](#) Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. **Celestial bodies, suns, moons, stars**

[Luke 12:11](#) And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and *unto magistrates, and powers*, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

[Titus 3:1](#) Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. **Civil, governmental powers here on earth**

[Col 1:16](#) For by him were all things created, that are **in heaven, and that are in earth**, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

[Rom 8:38](#) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

[Eph 3:10](#) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

[Eph 6:12](#) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

[Col 2:15](#) *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

[1Pet 3:22](#) Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him [the Son].

[Rom 13:1](#) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

[Heb 6:5](#) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come

[Heb 1:7-9](#) who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. **His angels, His Son, God**

[Rev 1:4](#) Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; And from Jesus Christ **Father, all the ministering spirits, Christ**

[Zech 6:5](#) These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

[1Tim 5:21](#) I charge thee before God an the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels

[Luke 9:26](#) the Son of man ...shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels

[Mark 13:32](#) not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father

Rev 5:11,13 many angels about the throne...him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb

Three great powers 71

[baptism] "The **three great powers in heaven** are witnesses; they are invisible, but present." Ms57-1900.10

At Christ's baptism: Father, Son, Angels DA p. 112

"...let us not forget that the **three great powers of heaven** are **working**, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His promises to pass." 8T 254

"Then **cooperate with the three great powers of heaven** who are **working** in your behalf." (Manuscript 11, 1901)

[baptism] "Thus they are **united with the three great powers of heaven**." Lt129-1903

"The help of the **three great powers** is placed at your disposal." RC 178.3

"the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the **three highest powers in the universe**, and those in whose name the believer is baptized" Ms67-1908.4 **There may be other powers in the universe: sun, moon, stars, angels...**

"the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—the **three highest powers in the heavenly courts**." Ms61-1907.14

"You went down into the water, and you claimed to be dead unto the world. And then, **the Holy Spirit, the Father, and the Son, were the names** that you were baptized in, and when in trial and when is perplexity you come right to these, and say, **My Father**, I plead with Thee for **Thy Holy Spirit**, that when You gave **these** to our world, **You gave all heaven** to the world in **the three great powers** that were **in the heavenly courts**." Ms159-1904.48

"In giving up **His Son**, He has poured out to us **all heaven in one gift**." SC 21.2

"He has given you **all heaven in one gift**, that of **His beloved Son**." FE 85.4; MYP 39.1

"He **sent** to them **the best gift of heaven**; nay, He poured out **all heaven in that one Gift**. **The Son of God** Himself was **sent** to plead with the impenitent city." GC 19.1,2; 4SP 19.1

"such marvelous love of Jehovah in giving to our world **all heaven in one gift**, for with **Christ** He gave all the treasure of heaven." Lt6-1893.2

"When God gave **His only begotten Son**, He gave **all heaven in this one gift**." Lt17a-1893.26

"When He [God] gave **Jesus** to our world, He included **all heaven in that one gift**." 52 total..."all heaven" "one gift"

"**Angels from the heavenly courts** stand by all who do God's service in ministering to their fellow men." COL 388.2

"With the deepest interest the **angels of God in the heavenly courts** are watching the development of character"

Fundamentals of Christian Education 245.2

"**Heavenly beings** are appointed to **answer the prayers** of those who are working unselfishly for the interests of the cause of God. **The very highest angels in the heavenly courts** are appointed to work out the prayers which ascend to God for the advancement of the cause of God." Lt201-1899

"...heaven may be very near us in the common walks of life, and that **angels from the heavenly courts** will take charge of the steps of those who come and go at God's command." 2SM 164.1

"We need to catch the inspiration of **the angels in the heavenly courts**. We need daily to breathe the atmosphere of heaven." *Bible Training School* April 1, 1906.1 345 total...

"The **mighty, loyal angels** guarded that sepulcher. **The chiefest powers in heaven** came to that sepulcher, **rolled the stone away** from the door, and the brightness of the glory from the heavenly courts laid the Roman guards as helpless as dead men." Ms90-1910.7

"The **angels of God**, seraphim and cherubim, **the powers commissioned to co-operate** with human agencies"

Christian Experience and Teachings of EGW p. 208.2; GCDB Feb 27, 1893.12

"...since **God commissions angels** to minister unto all who are in need of help, we know that if we do our part, these **heavenly representatives of omnipotent power** will give help in this time of need." 6T 461.3; "God delegates angels... will be commissioned to help..." RH March 19, 1901

"Read and study the fourth chapter of Zechariah... **The golden oil** represents the **Holy Spirit**."

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 188. **Oil = power**

“From the two olive trees the **golden oil** was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from **the holy ones** that **stand in God’s presence** **His Spirit** is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God’s people that **heavenly grace** which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. “Not by might, nor by power, but by **My Spirit**, saith the Lord of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6. COL, p. 408.15.

“...these **angels** empty **from themselves the golden oil** of truth into the heart of him who is teaching the word”
Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 337 **John 7:39** **out of them rivers of water**

“The **anointed ones standing by the Lord** of the whole earth have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub.”
RH July 29, 1897 **anointed cherub that covereth: Gabriel, Michael**

“**Angelic agencies**, though **invisible**, are co-operating with visible human agencies, forming a relief association with men...Human agencies are the hands of **heavenly instrumentalities**, for **heavenly angels** employ human hands in practical ministry. Human agencies as hand helpers are to work out the knowledge and use the facilities of **heavenly beings** [**angels** Ms65-1900.22]. By uniting with **these powers that are omnipotent**, we are benefited by **their higher education and experience.**” 6T 456.2-3 1900

“To be **united to God, to Jesus Christ, to the heavenly angels**, is the highest and most sacred and exalted privilege that mortals can have.” Lt16-1871.4

“When the sound of the last trump shall penetrate the prison house of the dead, and the righteous shall come forth with triumph,.. standing then **with God, with Christ, with the angels**” AA 590.1

“If there are no more than six assembled, there are enough to claim the promise. But there are more than six present: **the Father, and the Son, and holy angels** are there to admire your faith, your steadfast principles, and there you may have the **pouring out of His Holy Spirit.**” Lt31-1888.25 **God is spirit; Son is made a quickening spirit; angels are ministering spirits**

“Principalities and **powers in heavenly places** combine **with these angels in their ministration** for those who shall be heirs of salvation.” RH July 4, 1899

“**The Father, the Son, and the holy angels** will be present with you to behold your faith, your steadfast principle, and there you will have of the **outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.**” ST February 10, 1890.4

“...every true worker sheds forth light to the world, because he is united with **God and Christ and heavenly angels** in the grand work of saving the lost.” RH Nov 1, 1892.5
God and Christ and heavenly angels were on one side, and Satan on the other. 3T p. 327, *Gospel Workers* 86.1 1892

“**Christ Jesus is in union with the Father**, and from **the great Center** this wonderful unity is to extend through the different orders of being, through all classes and diversities of talents... because **the Spirit of Christ, as the living, working agency, is circulating through the whole**, even as the sap flows from the parent stock through every branch”
Lt78-1894.22

“Once Satan was in co-partnership with **God, Jesus Christ, and the holy angels**. He was highly exalted in heaven and was radiant in light and glory that came to him from the Father and the Son,..” MS 39, 1894 in RH April 14, 1896

“**Jesus Christ, God Himself, and the angels of heaven** are interested in this grand and holy work.” RH July 16, 1895

“the Son of man...is to come with **His own glory, and with the glory of the Father and of the holy** angels.” RH Sept 5, 1899 **Luke 9:26**

“As these changes are affected, **angels break out in rapturous song, and God and Christ rejoice** over souls fashioned

after the divine similitude.” {RH, August 25, 1896 par. 6}

“You are making your record in the presence of **the Father and of the Son and of holy angels**. If you will be **worked by the Holy Spirit** you can carry the work that has been committed to you...” Lt52-1909.2

Angels and the Holy Spirit

“**Angels of God will make the impression**, and under the hallowed **influence of the Holy Spirit**, hearts will be touched.” Letter 4, 1910. {CME 42.3}

“**The Holy Spirit is provided** as his efficiency. Ministering **angels will be by his side to impress hearts.**” {COL 232.3}

“Only as they were united with Christ could the disciples hope to have **the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit and the co-operation of angels of heaven**. With the help of **these divine agencies** they would present before the world a united front” AA p. 90.2 1911

“To those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance, **angels of God draw near. The Holy Spirit is given** to open to them the rich treasures of the truth.” {COL 59.3}

“He commissions **His angels to render divine help** to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and **He comes personally by His Holy Spirit** into the midst of His church.” CET p. 206.1

“Arm yourselves with humility; pray that **angels of God may come close to your side to impress the mind**; for it is not you that work the Holy Spirit, but **the Holy Spirit must work you**. It is the **Holy Spirit that makes the truth impressive.**” Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 57. (1900)

“It is **the Holy Spirit that impresses the mind** and presses the truth home to the hearts of those for whom we labor; the **angels of God are in connection** with those who are connected with God.” Ms91-1891.103

“...the **Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books**, just as He **impresses the minds** of those who listen to the preaching of the word. **The same ministry of angels attends the books** that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister.” Testimonies, vol. 6, pp. 315, 316. 1900; cf Bible Echo, Sept. 18, 1899

“...for **the Lord impresses the mind** in regard to what to do in an emergency.” Ms126-1899.30

“When **the Lord impresses the mind** of one of His servants that he is to go to a certain place to labor, that man is not under obligation to go to a human being to know if it is right for him to do this.” Lt324-1907.6

“Those who are born again, who are willing to be **guided by the Holy Spirit**, doing in Christ's way that which they can do, those who will work as if they could see the heavenly universe watching them, will be **accompanied and instructed by holy angels**, who will go before them to the dwellings of the people, preparing the way for them.” 6T 319.3

“**The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you**, preparing the way.” RH, Jan. 27, 1903.

“If teachers would ever bear in mind that it is **the Holy Spirit** that must **reveal to the soul** glimpses of heavenly things, and that as they work in **the Spirit of Christ, this heavenly agent is impressing the mind** with divine truth; if they would ever realize that **angels are about them**, that they are **standing upon holy ground**” TSS 41-43. {CSW 105.1}

“Their **minds were illuminated by the Holy Spirit**, their hearts felt its softening, subduing influence...That pledge was not made to man, but to God in the presence of **His angels, who were moving upon the hearts**” {Counsels on Stewardship 313.2}

“Ministering **angels open the eyes of the mind and heart** to see wonderful things in the divine law, in the natural world, and in the eternal things revealed by **the Holy Spirit.**” MLT 291.7

"Through the ministry of the angels the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent and draw him to Christ." Our Father Cares p. 118.4; That I May Know Him p. 57.2

"We had the truth; we were **directed by the angels of God**. It was **under the guidance of the Holy Spirit** that the presentation of the sanctuary question was given." 1SM 161.4; MR760 19.3; Letter 329, 1905.

"No one is able to explain the Scriptures without the **aid of the Holy Spirit**. But when you take up the Word of God with a humble, teachable heart, the **angels of God will be by your side to impress** you with evidences of the truth." 1SM 411.3; RH Feb 18, 1890

The great sin of those who profess to be Christians is that they do not open the heart to **receive the Holy Spirit...When the angels of heaven come** among us, and work through human agents, there will be solid, substantial conversions, after the order of the conversions after the day of Pentecost." {2SM 57.2}

"The Holy Spirit comes to the world as Christ's representative. **It** not only speaks the truth, but **it is the truth--the faithful and true Witness**. **It** is **the great Searcher of hearts**, and is acquainted with the characters of all." {SpTEd 51.2} May 15, 1896 [Christ is the truth John 14:6; the faithful and true Witness Rev 3:14]

"The **angels of heaven will cooperate** with them in their self-sacrificing efforts. By the power of the **Holy Spirit Jesus will move upon hearts**." *This Day with God* p. 227.5; MR311 36.3; Letter 109, Aug 6, 1901

"By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will move upon the hearts, working miracles in the conversion of sinners." RH July 4, 1907

"Then the **power of the Holy Spirit** strengthened me, and I knew that **angels of God were by my side**." LLM 208.6

"Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's **light and power to souls** that are ready to perish." *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing* p. 40.2

"But the **angels of God** are constantly at work, **strengthening the weak** hands and confirming the feeble knees of all who call upon God for help. The promise to every child of God is, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). The Lord is willing to **give the Holy Spirit to them** that ask Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children." MS 14, Feb 23, 1899, UL p. 68.3

"We are to seek to be meek and lowly of heart. **Christ can then abide with us by his Holy Spirit**. If we have with us **the divine Presence, if angels are round about us**, then, as we stand before unbelievers, and present the sacred truths of God's Word, a solemn **impression will be made upon the minds** of those who hear, and souls will be won to the truth." {NPU Gleaner, April 6, 1910 par. 11}

"After the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit**, thousands were converted. **Angels of God that excel in strength**, clothed with the brightness of heaven, **came to the help of the church**, and swept back the forces of Satan." RH Jan 20, 1891

"The heavenly angels are waiting to unite with the human agent, that many souls may hear and be **impressed by the Holy Spirit**, and be converted." {RH, May 16, 1893 par. 11}

The **angels of God** have seen in the churches a condition of things which **has grieved them**, and **grieved the Holy Spirit**. RH July 4, 1899

We are to open the Word of God with reverence, and with a sincere desire to know the will of God concerning us. Then **the heavenly angels will direct our search**. **God speaks to us** in His Word. We are in the audience-chamber of the Most High, in the very presence of God. **Christ enters the heart**. **The Holy Spirit** takes of the things of God, and **shows them to us**. ST Mar 28, 1906

All heaven is employed in ministering to the heirs of salvation, imparting the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to those who shall work for the salvation of souls. {YI, November 7, 1895 par. 1}

Angels of God will instruct them. The Holy Spirit opens to the humble and contrite in heart the rich treasures of truth. 2MR 95.1; Letter 69, April 10, 1901

"The Saviour's life and death and intercession, the ministry of angels, the pleading of the Spirit, the Father working above and through all, the unceasing interest of heavenly beings--all are enlisted in behalf of man's redemption." SC 21.2 The Father has given His Spirit to the Son without measure John 3:34; the Father's Spirit is in and empowering His ministering spirits. Jesus said "The Spirit of God is upon me and has anointed me" Isa 61:1; Luke 4:18. Lucifer was an anointed cherub. Ezekiel 28:14.

His Angels

"And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect." Matthew 24:31

Three great powers co-operate

"There are three living persons [-alities] of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ." Ms21-1906.11

"And the three great powers of heaven pledged themselves to co-operate with you in your efforts to live the new life in Christ." RH June 15, 1905.33

"What are these three great Powers of heaven? We are baptized in their name. What does that mean? These heavenly Powers are obligated if we will place ourselves in right relation to God,... man is to do that which he can do for himself. And when he goes down into the water to be baptized and raised up out of the water he is to live a new life, and place himself so these three great Powers can cooperate with Him and He can cooperate with them. Ms183-1907.7

"Heavenly beings cooperate with us in the battle as we advance against fallen angels and fallen men..." 8MR 11.1

"We should become acquainted with our neighbors and seek to draw them to Christ. As we do this, He will approve and cooperate with us." CH 396.3

"We are to do all in our power to relieve suffering and misery. If we can do no more than speak a word of cheer, let us do that. Christ will cooperate with us." 2SAT 148.3

"He [Abraham] taught his children and his household to do justice and judgment. When we do this, God can cooperate with us." Experiences in Australia 212.2

"Shall we then praise men, and give thanks to man, neglecting to recognize God? If we do, God will not cooperate with us." UL 81.2

"And now if the Lord will accept us, let us give our individual selves to God and the Holy Spirit will cooperate with us." Lt189-1909.20

"Angels of God will cooperate with you, helping you to reveal Christ to the world." Letter 272, 1903. AH 213.3

"Angels from heaven cooperate with human instrumentalities" Letter 43, 1903. MM 256.4

"the Lord of heaven has commissioned His angels to cooperate with human agencies" LS 337.1

"angels that excel in strength will cooperate with the people of God." Manuscript 66, 1895. 2MCP 462.2

"He that believeth in the Son, hath the Father also." He who has continual faith in the Father and the Son has the Spirit also." Ms21-1906.15 Because the Spirit is IN all the fullness of the Godhead: the Father and Son.

"When the truth in its simplicity is lived in every place, then God will work through His angels as He worked on the day of Pentecost, and hearts will be changed so decidedly that there will be a manifestation of the influence of genuine truth, as is represented in the descent of the Holy Spirit." Ms21-1906.18

"I have been surprised to see that so many did not believe in the personality of God. Hebrews 1:1-3. Here are two personalities." Verses 4-7. God wants you to connect with these heavenly Powers." "I want you to remember that God and Christ are both personalities..." Ms183-1907.34,35 God + Christ = both (2) personalities + angels: heavenly powers

"The **three great powers of heaven** **pledge** themselves to furnish to the Christian all the assistance he requires. The **Spirit changes the heart** of stone to the heart of flesh. And by partaking of the **Word of God**, eating the flesh and drinking the blood of **His Son**, Christians obtain an experience that is after the divine similitude. When **Christ abides** in the heart by faith, the **Christian is the temple of God.**" Lt53-1904.20 "...your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God" 1Cor 6:19. The Spirit, the Word, the Son = Christ, the power of God 1Cor 1:24

Spirit and Word agree 21 "the **words** I speak to you, they are **Spirit and life**" John 6:63

"Study **the sacred Word** prayerfully, for your own soul's benefit. When you hear the word of the living preacher, if he has a living connection with God, you will find that **the Spirit and the word agree.**" 5BC 1147.5; RH April 20, 1897

"To them that believe, Christ is precious. **His Spirit** moving upon the mind and heart of the believer is in perfect agreement with that which is written in **the Word. The Spirit and the Word agree perfectly.** Thus the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are born of God." BLJ 354.3

"**The Spirit and the word agree. The Spirit of Christ** leads into all truth;" ST Feb 26, 1885.5

"**The peace of Christ** is an intelligent peace, and it does not make those who possess it bear the marks of fanaticism and extravagance. It is not a rambling impulse, but an **emanation from God**. When **the Saviour imparts his peace to the soul**, the heart will be in **perfect harmony with the word of God**; for **the Spirit and the word agree**. The Lord honors his word in all his dealings with men. It is his own will, his own voice, that is revealed to men, and he has no new will, no new truth, aside from his word to unfold to his children." ST May 19, 1890