

Sermon Title: The Nature and Power of God

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Opening Scripture: Hebrews 1:1–4 (KJV)

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son... who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power...”

We begin today by turning our hearts in reverence and gratitude—thanking God for the finished works prepared from the foundations of the world. The tone is one of awe, of worship, and of deep awareness that heaven itself celebrates the works of God. And so, we ask for help—not just to hear, but to receive bread for the eater and seed for the sower. We ask for ears that hear and eyes that see, and for the Spirit of God to illuminate His Word.

"I Am Not Ordinary"

Say it. Declare it. **I am not ordinary.** Why? Because God lives inside of me. Because God is powerful, I am powerful. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Understanding the Nature and Power of God

God is a person, and like every person, He has both a nature and abilities. While His ways are beyond our full comprehension, He has not left us in the dark. The Word—especially in the person of Jesus Christ—gives us clarity about who God is. Jesus is the *express image* of God. He is the brightness of His glory. So if we want to know God, we look at Jesus.

The Word of God is like a mirror. As we look into it, we don't just see Him—we see ourselves. We discover our true identity. We are not meant to find ourselves through the world, culture, or people's opinions. We find ourselves in the Word.

The Connection Between Nature and Power

The power of God flows out of His nature. Just as fire produces heat and light from its essence—its oxygen, heat, and fuel—so too the power and glory of God flow from His divine essence. His acts, His miracles, His wonders are not random; they are expressions of who He is.

So, what is this nature?

The Nature of God: Holiness

Throughout Scripture, God is described in many ways—He is good, merciful, loving—but a central and resounding attribute of His nature is **holiness**.

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isaiah 6:3)

The seraphim cry out not once, but three times—**Holy, holy, holy**. In both Isaiah and Revelation, the angels in the throne room of heaven continually proclaim God's holiness. Why? Because every time they glimpse a new facet of God's nature, they can only respond in awe. His acts display His holiness. His works are pure because He is pure.

Holiness in Hebrew—*kadosh*—means to be set apart, to be distinct, in a class by Himself. God is not merely different—He is entirely separate from all that is common, profane, or unclean.

He is also pure. So pure that He cannot even look upon iniquity. On the cross, when Jesus became sin for us, the Father turned His face away. That moment, when Jesus cried, *“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”*—was because God's holiness cannot coexist with sin.

Our Calling: Be Holy

“Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:16)

Holiness is not just a description of God—it is a requirement for fellowship with Him. The new man, created in Christ, is fashioned in **true righteousness and holiness** (Ephesians 4:24). You are born of God; therefore, you carry His nature. A lion does not give birth to a goat. A holy God gives birth to a holy people.

The world tells us we cannot be pure. That sin is inevitable. But the Word says otherwise. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. That power enables you to live above sin, to overcome the flesh, to walk in the Spirit.

So when the enemy lies and tells you that you'll never be free—answer with truth: *“I am holy because my Father is holy.”*

Holiness Unlocks Power

Many desire to see the power of God. To heal the sick, raise the dead, perform miracles. But not many are willing to embrace the holiness that precedes that power.

When the disciples failed to cast out a demon from a boy, Jesus rebuked them—not just for lack of faith but for being a *faithless and perverse generation* (Matthew 17:17). Perversion—corruption—blocks the flow of power.

The darker the world gets, the more vital holiness becomes. The world lies in wickedness, and iniquity abounds. But we are called to be separate. Holy. Distinct. Because *without holiness, no man shall see the Lord* (Hebrews 12:14).

You Carry the Divine Life

You have the divine nature. The Bible says:

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...” (2 Peter 1:4)

God has called you to partake in His very life. His Spirit in you enables you to walk as He walks. As you grow in knowledge—of Him, of His Word—you grow in the expression of this divine life.

The Power Within You

The power of God is not far away. It is not outside you. It is in you.

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ... may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation... that ye may know... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe...” (Ephesians 1:17–19)

Just like a phone that must stay charged to remain functional, we must remain *plugged in* to God—the source of all power. Prayer, worship, the Word—these are your spiritual charger. Stay connected and you stay powerful.

“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.” (Ephesians 6:10)

Step out of fellowship and you become vulnerable. Stay in the Lord, and you walk in divine might.

A Call to Remain in Him

The enemy might not stop you from becoming a Christian—but he will try to disconnect you from your power source. Through sin. Through distractions. Through weariness. But God is calling His people in these last days to live consecrated lives, to remain holy, and to be filled with power.

Stay plugged in. Remain in the Lord.

You were not made to live as mere men. You are partakers of the divine nature. You carry the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. You are light in the midst of darkness. And as the world grows darker, your light will shine brighter.

So the instruction is clear:

Be holy, for I am holy.

Stay connected. Stay pure. Stay filled. And the power and glory of God will be revealed in your life.

Let this be your prayer:

“Lord, open my eyes. Help me see the strength You’ve given me. Help me walk in holiness, in purity, in truth. Let Your power flow through me. I choose to remain in You. Strengthen me to live as You’ve called me. Amen.”