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<Title> : “Fruit of Power”

<Passage> : <Psalm 126: 5,6>

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<Introduction>

In this year, God has been showing us clear results in a way that we can actually feel what the power of re-creation is. Especially in this past summer retreat, He has shown us clear evidence of His power through driving away demons and other kinds of signs and wonders. The works of God’s power, which cannot be done by men, are being revealed more and more greatly.

Today, we will consider how these fruits of power could be manifested. Through this message, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will check yourself as to whether you are becoming a fruit of God’s power, and actually become a fruit of the shepherd in the second half of the year.

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Dear brothers and sisters,

In order to bear the fruit, there must be corresponding sowing. Today’s reading passage Psalm 126:5-6 says, “Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.” Looking forward to the harvest, farmers do not mind working hard. They have to work in cold and hot weather, scorching sunshine and strong wind. They face physical exhaustion and other kinds of difficulties. Yet they sow the seeds and care for the crops day and night.

In the same way, we have abundance of fruits of power in this church because there were such acts of sowing and toil. Those works were not easy. They demanded tremendous sacrifice and devotion. Of course you’ve participated together, but more than anybody else, I’ve been giving all I have to the Father as the person who is in charge of the church. I offered countless prayers and fasting, shed tears of mourning for the souls, and gave even the last bit of life-force I had.

Now, what is the driving-force that let me sow to be able to bear such amazing fruits of power today?

**First, it is love.**

It is the love for the Father, the Lord, and the souls. Brothers and sisters, since I met the Lord, I have been obligated to spread the gospel. I couldn’t express with words the grace of God who healed me and that of the Lord who saved me. I realized the love of God the Father who gave His only begotten Son and the love of the Lord who willingly died on the cross to save us.

I came to love the Father God, and the passion of God the Father for the salvation of souls made a dwelling place in my heart as well. I wanted to spread the gospel to the souls with the burning heart of the Lord who said, “I am thirsty.” In so doing I wanted to please the heart of God the Father. Furthermore, the more I took after the heart of the Father and that of the Lord, the greater my love for the souls became.

Especially since I received the calling to be a pastor, I cherished each and every soul. This love of mine for the Father and the souls made me desire the power of God more and more. I wanted to receive God’s power and spread the gospel to the souls with the heart of the Father. This desire became increasingly more desperate. For this reason I fasted and prayed and only obeyed the will of God the Father.

So I received God’s power, but power is not something you can receive all at once. There is no end to God’s power, so I had to penetrate the higher levels of it again and again. Eventually it reached the level of power of re-creation, and now the completion of it is near. This power that I have received is unfolding these fruits before our eyes today.

In this generation, people don’t believe unless they see signs and wonders. But because of this power numerous souls have heard the holiness gospel and are partaking in the array of salvation. Just by going to church and saying they believe doesn’t mean they can all be saved. Matthew 7:21 says, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”

But today, because it is such an evil generation, it is difficult to find those who do the will of the Father, even among the believers. Thus, in order to preach the gospel to unbelievers and lead them to salvation, we cannot just preach to them with words. We have to show them clear evidence of the living God and confirm that the word of God is true. We can do this only through God’s power.

Our church has the manifestations of God’s power along with the holiness gospel, and for this reason the number of those being saved is greatly added all over the world. But even if they are in the array of salvation, they can take hold of better dwelling places in heaven only through constant spiritual growth. They shouldn’t be satisfied with just being saved, but they have to continually take hold of heaven by force until they enter New Jerusalem.

In order to lead you to New Jerusalem, I ceaselessly tried to show you spiritual realm before your eyes. When the invisible spiritual realm was unfolded before your eyes, you could have greater faith and hope to run toward New Jerusalem. And uncovering the spiritual realm was also possible only because of the power. Because of power, heaven and hell could be clearly seen through the separation of spirit. Because of power, the world of evil spirits was revealed and power of darkness was driven away, so you could be convinced of the spiritual realm once again.

My love for the Father and for the souls was the driving-force to receive God’s power. Through this power, an amazing fruit was borne -- that the souls are saved and changed by faith and they run toward New Jerusalem with hope. Without power, this tremendous fruit of salvation, fruit of change, and fruit of so many souls who march toward New Jerusalem couldn’t be borne.

**The second driving-force of the fruit of power is your trust in your shepherd.**

The salvation of souls, their transformation, and their march of faith toward New Jerusalem are fruits that have been borne through the power of God. And the biggest reason why such fruits were borne is their trust in their shepherd.

If you hadn’t trusted your shepherd, would you have obeyed his words? Would you have believed the authenticity of God’s words that I preach and followed me? You believed my words and obeyed them because you had trust in me. And those who did experienced the power of God. You were healed and you received answers and solutions to problems. You were healed of incurable and terminal diseases, and furthermore you were healed of disabilities by God’s power. You received solutions to problems that couldn’t be solved by men’s power or ability. You also experienced spiritual realm that you couldn’t even imagine. When you stayed in the space of the shepherd with your trust in him, you could experience such things as dragonflies, rainbows, and aurora-like lights.

In addition, the key to go into New Jerusalem is also your trust in the shepherd. It’s because, at this end time, it is to me that God the Father has given the duty to fill up New Jerusalem with the souls. Namely, He has given me the key to New Jerusalem. Thus, the way for you to go into New Jerusalem will be opened when you trust your shepherd.

And what is the biggest reason that you can trust me? Today there are few who would do so, but in the past, when your faith was weak, some of you may have thought you couldn’t agree with some of the things happening in the church. Even at those times, you could still trust me and follow me because of the works of God’s power taking place through me.

The Bible says power belongs to God. And the powerful works have never ceased in this church since the opening, and the power only increased day after day. Jesus also said in John 14:11, “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.” It means, even if they couldn’t believe Him with human thoughts and knowledge, they had to believe who He was, by seeing what He was doing, namely the powerful works.

I also have been continuously manifesting works of power that can be done only by God. If God the Father does not guarantee me, and if I have anything that is not right before God, such powerful works cannot take place. So, reversely speaking, the presence of powerful works means that God the Father guarantees me. The fact that power of re-creation is manifested means I have achieved oneness with God the Father to that extent.

Matthew 7:20 says, “So then, you will know them by their fruits.” 1 Corinthians 4:20 says, “For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.” The fruits of God’s power testify about me. You trusted your shepherd who is guaranteed by God through the works of power. You followed my teachings, and now there are countless fruits including fruits of whole spirit, spirit, and the rock of faith. These are the fruits of God’s power that could be borne because you trusted the shepherd.

**The third driving-force for the fruits of power is the desire to seek the Father’s glory.**

Brothers and sisters, I cannot be what I am today if I didn’t meet God the Father. I met God the Father when I was at the most miserable bottom of life, and He pulled me out of there. Since then, I have only one purpose in life. It is to live for the glory of God the Father. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” Every breath that I take each day is for the glory of God the Father.

Only God the Father knows the steps I went through for the past 7 years to fill up 99% of justice on your behalf. For the glory of God the Father, I endured situations where just breathing was difficult. I am not my own. My living, my eating and taking breath, everything is for the Father and His glory.

As a matter of fact, I could have gone to the Lord in 1992. As for me personally, it’d be the happiest and greatest thing to be at the Lord’s side. And yet I gave it up because of my love for the souls, and ultimately, it was for the glory of God the Father.

I have received from God the Father a very important duty at this end time. It is not something optional. It is a duty I have to fulfill to wrap up the human cultivation with the glory of the Father. Until the Lord comes back again in the providence of God the Father, I have to fulfill the duty given to me. I have to do it no matter what the difficulties I might face.

The reason of my being is only to fulfill this duty. My heart is full of earnestness to give glory to the Father. Even if I have to suffer hardships and difficulties, I’ll be willing to take them in obedience if it is for the Father’s glory and for His kingdom.

The steps were truly harsh that I had to take to achieve the completion of the power of re-creation. They were so harsh that many times I had thoughts that flashed through my mind to pray to the Father, “Take this cup from me.” But every time, I changed my mind. Even though those thoughts were only momentary, I felt sorry before the Father and pulled myself together. And seeing me, the Father says, “I am sorry. I am sorry.” Then I make up my mind once again. I want to fulfill this duty given to me completely and reveal the Father’s glory forever. I strongly desire to have a grand finale of human cultivation and lead numerous souls to New Jerusalem, so that we can all together enjoy glory with the Father forever.

For this reason I am sowing the seeds of my tears today. I am wrestling to fulfill the measure of justice with my tears. And it is all for the glory of the Father. Through these toils, so many works are taking place all over the world that reveal the glory of the Father. Also, a great number of souls are going toward the glorious position in New Jerusalem. This church will shine our light until the earth will be filled with the glory of God the Father. Let us give all thanks and glory to Him.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each of you is the fruit of the power. You were saved and transformed by seeing, hearing about, and experiencing the power, and now you are marching toward New Jerusalem. We are accomplishing the providence of God the Father together, revealing His glory. All these things were made possible because of God’s power.

There is nothing that I did. Everything was done by God the Father through me. I’d like to see the fruit of the power with you. We’ve already seen countless fruits, but there are much more amazing fruits that will be borne soon. I pray this in the name of the Lord that Manmin church and each one of you who belong in Manmin will come forth as fruits of power and reveal the Father’s glory to the utmost degree!