

Power Crisis

Last year we had a power outage in our neighborhood. It started out while we were trying to eat dinner with friends from church at our house. My wife had just served a nice dessert dish and we made the best of it and ate it by candle light. Oh it was so romantic. After a while I called the power company to inquire about progress on the repairs they had a very generic recording on the answering machine. It went something like this, "At approximately '7PM' there is an electrical power outage in your area. The cause of the outage is 'unknown'. The length of time to resolution is 'unknown'."

By the following day the power outage soon moved out of the fun "romantic" candle lit stage as we had to move our food into ice chests and we began to realize how much we had taken for granted having electrical power. Some 28 hours later the power was finally restored. Our hearts went out to hurricane, tsunami, and earthquake survivors who had lost their power for not just hours but days and even weeks.

Oh, what a contrast to God's power in our lives. He doesn't have to promote a "Flex your power now" program so that we avoid using his power during the peak times of day. His power is not subject to black-outs or brown-outs. Lightning strikes, cars breaking off power poles and old transformers don't effect God's power. The price of His power never increases. Natural disasters don't stop his power from being available. There are no recordings that tell us God's power has failed and that they are not sure when it will be restored. His power is great, without limits and available to us.

1CH 29:11-13 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

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