

# DUNAMIS

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With everything that we have been talking about in the past couple of weeks, I open my email yesterday morning to find a video from a friend that covers the whole of our existence and reason we strive each day to hear God and to be obedient so that what we do and how we live means something in the end.

I've taken a few excerpts that I found from a website (the name of it at the bottom of this page) that I would like to share on understanding the power of God and how it relates to us. I pray that all of us are able to get the most out of this and the video – I pray that all who read and watch are filled to the uttermost with the goodness and Dunamis power of the Almighty – as much as we can contain for as long as we can contain it this side of heaven!

*Dunamis* is not just any power; the word often refers to miraculous power or marvelous works (such as in Matthew 7:22; 11:21, 23; Mark 5:30; Luke 5:17; 9:1; 10:13; and Acts 8:13). *Dunamis* can also refer to “moral power and excellence of soul,” according to Thayer’s Greek Lexicon.

Perhaps most importantly, *dunamis* can refer to “inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth” (ibid.). In Matthew 22:29 Jesus tells the Sadducees, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the **power** of God.” Jesus also said, “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with **power** and great glory” (Matthew 24:30). In other words, the Lord has inherent power residing in Himself. *Dunamis* is part of His nature.

We do not live the Christian life in our own power, but in God’s. It is God’s ability that makes us able to accomplish anything of value, for apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). It is His strength that makes us overcomers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lb2G0nV1Yg&list=PLOb25arzq2zztWcOrtWoX7gQ06wMCCc6>

Read more: <http://www.gotquestions.org/dunamis-meaning.html>

More Scripture References: Luke 1:35 - Luke 4:36 - Acts 1:8 - Romans 1:20 - 1 Corinthians 1:22-24  
2 Corinthians 12:9 - Ephesians 3:20-21 - 2 Timothy 1:7 - Hebrews 1:3 - 2 Peter 1:3