

Daily Devotion For January 7, 2023

“And **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the outermost parts of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Some of you may be wondering why the daily devotionals weren't posted on time as they usually are. The reason is because due to the heavy rains and storms we have been experiencing, the power went out for Don Chin who so graciously posts the daily devotions.

I'm sure it was no fun for Don and Dori to wait 2 days for their power to come back on. How often do we take electricity for granted. When the clock radio wakes us up, we push aside our electric blanket, go into the bathroom, and turn on the light. We wash with electrically heated water. We turn on our electric coffee pots on an electric stove. We turn on the TV to catch the morning news. Whenever we flip a switch, electricity is always there.

None of us like being without electrical power. It's frustrating. But what about being without *spiritual* power? At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and gave us power. The power to live the Christian life. But is it possible to take the Holy Spirit for granted and lose power? Can we have a spiritual power outage? Spiritual power outages can occur because of sin and neglecting the source of power through prayer and bible study.

Thought for Today: What is life like without God's Spirit? It is the same as being without electrical power in our physical lives. Without electricity we are in the dark, we don't get things done, we can't communicate. Are you taking the power of the Holy Spirit for granted? A physical power outage is no fun but a spiritual power outage is much worse! Don't go through today without God's strength and power.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for Don Chin who faithfully posts the daily devotions. Pray that we won't take for granted those who serve us so faithfully. Ask God to fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit. Deo Volente.