

# Lesson 3: The Powers of the World to Come

## Introduction:

- In lessons 1 and 2 we not only surveyed some of the major categories in the Bible about miracles, signs, and wonders, but we began to take a closer look at them.
- We started with the truth that the Jews had rightful claim require a sign or signs seeing it was God that covenanted with them to do "marvels" that they may see and all those around them may see.
- This begs the question is God still working that way, communicating, and teaching that way today?

## Preview:

- In this lesson we will advance through history to explore further another category, another time in which miracles, signs, and wonders were not only done by covenant, but a very prevalent tool by God.
- That time is during the advent of Jesus Christ, when Christ came to this earth.
  - From scenarios leading up to His birth, to His birth
  - From shortly after His birth, to the commencement of His ministry
  - From the signs of the times, to the sign of Jonah of His death, burial, and resurrection

## Sermon:

### A Taste of the Powers of the World to Come

- **Hebrew 6:4-5**
  - "and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,"
    - **"the powers of the world to come,"**
      - The Millennium
      - Consistent with "the gospel of the kingdom of heaven" preached during the time of Christ
  - **Acts 2:22** - "...a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you"
  - **Matt. 16:3** - "signs of the times" (profuse outpouring of signs because kingdom of heaven at hand)
    - **Luke 8:1** - "preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God"
    - **Matt. 4:23-24** - "preaching...healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease"
      - "divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils"
    - **Isa. 35:3** - sickness
    - **Zech. 13:2** - unclean spirit

- Casts them all out
  - But they will return
  - Fights with Satan
- **John 21:25** - "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."
- Kingdom
  - Israel - new resurrected body
  - Gentiles - Rev. 22:1-2
  - Unclean spirits out of the land (Rev. 18:1-2)

### **Conclusion:**

- The next aspect we will examine is the miracles, signs, and wonders going to the apostles and then the church as a whole.
- Through the testimony of scripture would these things continue to gain traction, would they end, would they cease, would they fail, would they vanish away? If so, what other source of power would God use to communicate His will to His own?