

NOW YOU'RE PLAYING WITH POWER
JOHN 16:5-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. What company ranked eighth on the list of largest software companies in the world in 2007?
 - Is Japan's third most valuable listed company, with a market value of over US\$85 billion
 - Has a company name means "Leave luck to Heaven"?
 - Is the majority owner of the Seattle Mariners?
 - Has long-running ad campaign with the tagline, *Now You're Playing with Power*?
 - The answer is: Nintendo.¹
 - *Now You're Playing with Power*—I always suspected that line was about the addictive power it had over my kids.
 - And whatever it meant, it never helped me win the Mario Brothers game! I couldn't even win Tetras. Maybe that's why I finally settled for just doing the crossword puzzle in the Seattle P.I.
2. *Now You're Playing with Power*—Wouldn't that make a good line for life? Wouldn't it be cool to wake up every morning and know that you were going to be ***Playing with Power***? To have something sort of hardwired into your soul—something that energized you—that was like plugging yourself spiritually into something a whole lot bigger than you are?
3. I know, it sounds like the stuff of dreams. But my contention this morning is that it's rock-solid true. If you are a true Christian, you are *Playing with Power*—that there is spiritual power hardwired into your soul. That it is, to be specific, the indwelling Holy Spirit.
4. I'm not making this up. It is something that Jesus said.

John 16:5-15 *"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'"*⁶ *Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.*⁷ *But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*⁸ *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:*⁹ *in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;*¹⁰ *in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;*¹¹ *and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*¹² *"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.*¹³ *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*¹⁴ *He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*¹⁵ *All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.*

I. YOU'VE GOT POWER ON YOUR SIDE

John 16:5-7 *"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'"*⁶ *Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.*⁷ *But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

NOTE: *Filled with grief*

- Saying goodbye to friends. Life is so full of saying goodbyes! It is no wonder the Disciples were grieved at Jesus' announcement of his departure. He had just elevated them from servants to "friends" in John 15:15. They had never known anyone as incredible, attractive, and adventurous as Jesus.
- A. Power like Jesus
1. Why was this "for your good"?
 - Jesus ministry was *localized* whereas the Holy Spirit's ministry would be universal.

¹ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nintendo>. Accessed 04.03.09

- The incarnate Jesus could only be one place at a time. The coming Holy Spirit with his ministry of “indwelling” every believer was without boundaries and 24/7.
 - Jesus’ departure was additionally good news because it accompanied the entire cross/burial/resurrection/ascension event. His departure speaks of the accomplish of God’s eternal plan of redemption.
2. How is this “like” Jesus?
- “Another Counselor” **John 14:16-17**, *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth*
 - *Paraclete* is used only by John in the New Testament. Four times here of the Holy Spirit in The Upper Room Discourse (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7), **and once of Jesus** (1 John 2:1). Therefore, what we have here are two *Paracletes* “cut from the same cloth.”
 - In two other Upper Room Discourse texts about the Holy Spirit, the emphasis is placed on his continuance of the work and priorities of Jesus.
 - **John 14:26**, *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will **send in my name**, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.* NOTE: To send someone in another’s name implies that he will serve the interests of his namesake.
 - **John 15:26**, *“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.* NOTE: The fact that the Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus implies that he will serve the purposes of Jesus.
 - The word, *another* (*allos*—“another of the same kind”) in contrast to *heteros* which implies “another of a different kind.”
 - **Enns**: “Another” stresses that the Holy Spirit will be a Helper of the same kind as Christ. Just as Jesus had taught the disciples (Matt. 5:2; John 8:2), so the Holy Spirit would teach them (John 14:26).^{2 3 4}
3. Jesus’ going away. In what sense was Jesus “going away”?
- Firstly, by his death. (Per Pink and Martin Luther)
 - ‘Unless I go away,’ that is, unless I die, nothing will be done—you will continue as you are and everything will remain in its old state: the Jews under the law of Moses, the heathen in their blindness—all under sin and death. No scripture would then be fulfilled, and I should have come in vain.—Martin Luther in Pink, 48.
 - Secondly, by his ascension.
4. Contrast with OT times
- In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit’s relationship with people was characterized by words like, “in,” “upon,” and “filled.”
 - His indwelling ministry in the Old Testament was selective and impermanent.
 - For instance, the Holy Spirit came upon King Saul to empower him for his ruling ministry. But after his sin, Saul lost the Holy Spirit. **1 Samuel 16:14**, *Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.*

² Paul Enns, *The Moody handbook of Theology* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1989), 246.

³ So Richard Trench, *Synonyms of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1953), 357-61. Cited in Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1983), 860)

⁴ H. B. Swete quoted in Leon Morris, *The Gospel According to John* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971), 649.

- After David’s sin with Bathsheba, he pled with God to not take the Holy Spirit from him. **Psalm 51:11**, *Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.* This was a credible prayer in OT times, but not for New Testament times.

B. Power to Defend You

1. *Paraclete* translation options: Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Friend.

- “John is thinking of the Friend at court.... The One who stands for us as the Friend at the heavenly court will perform functions that would not be required in any earthly court....He is the legal helper, the friend who does whatever is necessary to forward their best interests.”—Leon Morris
- The *Paraclete* is a “whatever-it-takes friend.

2. The implication of adversaries—We are the defendants

- **Ephesians 6:12** *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*
- **1 Peter 5:8-9** *Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith*
- The context of Jesus’ remarks included predictions of coming persecution.
 - **John 15:19**, *the world hates you.*
 - **John 16:2**, *They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.*

• *A Mighty Fortress*

Stanza 1:

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe -
His craft and pow’r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

Stanza 3:

*And tho this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim -
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure -
One little word shall fell him.*

- The name, Satan, literally means “adversary”!

II. YOU’VE GOT POWER IN YOUR WITNESS

A. The Human Role in Witness

1. Speak personally

- **Acts 1:8**, *you will be my witnesses You are my witnesses*
- The Holy Spirit also witnesses about Jesus, but that doesn’t let us Christians off the hook! **John 15:26-27**, *“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”*

- **Romans 10:14**, *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*
 - Note the angelic preacher of Revelation. God will one day preach the Gospel via an orbiting angel. He could do that today if he wanted to. But he has chosen to use us! **Revelation 14:6-7**, *Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, language and people.* ⁷ *He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."*
 - *Believers are the witnesses, the Holy Spirit is the "prosecuting attorney," and the unsaved are the guilty prisoners. However, the purpose of this indictment is not to condemn but to bring salvation. (Wiersbe, 289)*
2. Speak persuasively
- **II Corinthians 5:11**, *" Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men."*
 - Paul actually begged people to get saved and he talked to every person he could about Jesus (**II Corinthians 5:20**, *"We implore you on Christ's behalf, Be reconciled to God."*)
 - We are to witness to people as if it all depended on us whether or not they get saved. **I Corinthians 9:22**, *I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.*
- B. The Holy Spirit Role in Witness
1. His teaching objective. **John 16:8** When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:
- "Convict"=*to bring to light, to expose, to refute, to convict, to convince and convince.* (Wiersbe, 289)
 - **Marl Twain humorously quipped:** *I once sent a dozen of my friends a telegram saying 'flee at once - all is discovered.' They all left town immediately.*
 - **Guilt:** The word does not actually occur in our text. The translators supplied it to help render the word "convince" or "convict."
 - **MORRIS:** *This is the one place in Scripture where the Spirit is spoken of as performing a work "in the world." The many other references refer to what He will do with believers. (697)*
 - **MORRIS FOOTNOTES BERNARD:** *Cf. Bernard, "elegkein is to cross-examine for the purpose of convincing or refuting an opponent (the word being specially used of legal proceedings)". He sees an example of what is meant in Acts 2:36f. where those who heard the preaching were "pricked to the heart". Cf. also I Cor. 14:24.⁵ (697)*
 - **ANN LANDERS:** *One of the most painful, self-mutilating, and energy-consuming exercises in the human experience is guilt.... It can ruin your day—or your week or your life—if you let it. It turns up like a bad penny when you do something dishonest, hurtful, tacky, selfish, or rotten.... Never mind that it was the result of ignorance, stupidity, laziness, thoughtlessness, weak flesh, or clay feet. You did wrong and the guilt is killing you. Too bad. But be assured, the agony you feel is normal.... Remember guilt is a pollutant and we don't need any more of it in the world.⁶*

⁵ **1 Corinthians 14:24** *But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all,*

⁶ Quoted in John MacArthur, *The Vanishing Conscience*, 20-21.

- **Dr. Wayne Dyer**, author of the 1976 mega-seller, *Your Erroneous Zones*...named guilt as “the most useless of all erroneous zone behaviors.” According to Dr. Dyer, guilt is nothing but a neurosis. “Guilt zones,” he wrote, “must be exterminated, spray-cleaned and sterilized forever.”⁷
- Cf. **Acts 14:1** At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they **spoke so effectively** that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed.
 - This...might mislead one into thinking that the secret of success was winsomeness or the use of rhetoric. Any such conclusion is ruled out by Paul’s own description of his spoken word (I Cor. 1:17; 2:4), which doubtless characterized his proclamation from the beginning. It was powerful preaching, indeed, but the power lay in the truth of the message and in the word of the Holy Spirit as he attested that truth to the hearers. (E. F. Harrison, Acts, 218)

2. His teaching curriculum

- **Sin**—the great, condemning sin (the great rebellion). **John 16:9** in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;
 - One particular sin, the sin of **unbelief**. (Wiersbe, 289). Cf. John 3:18-21. Certainly people commit all kinds of particular sins, many of them horrifying, but all of those particular sins are the sinful stuff that floats downstream from the seminal sin which is rejection of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
 - The essence of sin...the total rejection of God’s messenger and message. (Tenney in Expositor’s, 157)
 - Top four responses by U.S. adults when asked what they most felt guilty about:
 - Nothing in particular: 34%
 - Having/spending too much money: 15%
 - Taking poor care of their health: 12%
 - Not spending time with friends/family: 12%
 (USA Today, 8/22/95)

Do you notice something missing from that list? There is nothing there about unbelief in Jesus! This astounding omission italicizes the importance of the Holy Spirit’s convincing ministry about unbelief in Jesus!
- **Righteousness**—the achievement of the Cross (the grand solution). **John 16:10** in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer
 - Whose righteousness? The righteousness of Jesus Christ the perfect Lamb of God. (Wiersbe, 290)
 - **Verse 9**, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer-- Probably it should be interpreted as meaning that his return to the right hand of God was a complete vindication of all he had done and consequently established him as the standard for all human righteousness. (Tenney in Expositor’s, 157)
 - Justification by faith in the gift of righteousness available from Jesus Christ is *the most persistent sin in the world*.
 - For example, **Rabbi Boteach**: Orthodox Rabbi Schmuley Boteach told Larry King in 2000, “I cannot accept that there is a morality, in a spiritual system, which denigrates me as a Jew and says that I am going to burn in hell even though I have lived a good life.... This

⁷ Quoted in John MacArthur, *The Vanishing Conscience*, 19.

*barbaric element which has entered into religion has got to be put aside.*⁸

- **Sir Alec Guinness** died in southern England on August 5, closely a 66 year acting career. Guinness was not proud of his role as Obi Wan Kenobi in Star Wars, despite all the money it brought him. *[H]e persuaded Lucas to have Kenobi killed off by Darth Vader in the first film. (“Sir Alec Guinness dies at age 86,” MSNBC.COM News, 8/7/00, 2) Sadly, Kenobi is really dead now. I fear the worst for his eternal destiny. In a 1985 interview he talked of his hopes to get his life in order before he died, a kind of little bow, tied on life. And I can see myself drifting off into eternity, or nothing, or whatever it may be, with all sorts of loose string hanging out of my pocket.*
- **Judgment**—the stunning prototype (Satan’s conquest). **John 16:11** and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.
 - *His judgment of Satan that was effected by His death on the cross (John 12:31). (Wiersbe, 290)*
 - *The Cross was the utter condemnation and defeat of the “prince of this world.” “Condemned” is in the perfect tense (*kekritai*), which expresses a settled state. Satan is already under judgment; the sentence is fixed and permanent. (Tenney, Expositor’s, 158)*
 - If you are not a true Christian, you have a doomed king, you inhabit a doomed kingdom, and you are a doomed citizen. By all means, *Change kingdoms!!!* **Ephesians 2:2**, Satan is...*the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*

SUMMARY: *When a lost sinner is truly under conviction, he will see the folly and evil of unbelief; he will confess that he does not measure up to the righteousness of Christ, and he will realize that he is under condemnation because he belongs to the world and the devil (Eph. 2:1-3). --Warren Wiersbe*

- **CHUCK SWINDOLL**, *Someone has described the way people handle guilt by using the picture of the warning light on the dashboard of the car. As you’re driving along, the red light flashes on, saying, “Take notice! There’s trouble under the hood. At that moment, you have a choice. You can stop, get out of the car, open the hood, and see what’s wrong. Or, you can carry a small hammer in the glove compartment, and when the red light turns on, you can knock it out with the hammer and keep on driving. No one will know the difference for a while—until you burn up the car.”*⁹

III. YOU’VE GOT POWER IN YOUR BIBLE

- A. You’ve Got Comprehensive Truth (“all truth”). **John 16:12-13** "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth
 - 1. Look who doesn’t
 - Atheists
 - Hinduism
 - Islam
 - Mormons
 - Jehovah’s Witnesses
 - 2. What this means

⁸ CNN *Larry King Live*, “Should Christians Stop Trying to Convert Jews?” aired January 12, 2000 <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0504/14/lkl.01.html>.

⁹ Charles Swindoll, *David* (Dallas: Word Publishing, 1997), 198.

- You have the one trustworthy meta-narrative
 - Where you came from
 - Why we are here
 - How we are to live together
 - What is right and wrong
 - What success is
 - What you should worship
 - Where you're heading
 - **JFB:** Lit, 'all the truth;' for the reference is not to 'truth in general,' but to 'that whole circle of truth whose burden is Christ and His redeeming work....'
- **1 Corinthians 2:1-16** *When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- ¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have **the mind of Christ***

3. What it doesn't mean

- It doesn't mean that we know everything—we know the big rocks.
- It doesn't mean that we totally understand God
- It doesn't mean that we totally understand our Bibles

4. **PS on Illumination...**

- **1 John 2:27** *As for you, the **anointing** you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit-- just as it has taught you, remain in him.*
- **The Holy Spirit provides us a what I call a “sanctified baloney detector.”**

B. You've Got Future Truth. **John 16:13** he will tell you what is yet to come.

1. *Should you invest in gold? Should you sell off your halved IRA, or is it going to rebound?*
2. *Is there any hope for the world as we know it? Will people annihilate themselves or will the apes take over?*

3. **Revelation 1:1-2** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw-- that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- C. You've Got Top-Down Truth. **John 16:14-15** *He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.*
1. The flow of dissemination of info
 - **John 16:14-15** *He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.*
 - **Father-Son-HS-Apostles-Us**
 - **JFB:** *The meaning is not, 'He shall not speak concerning Himself,' but 'He shall not speak from*
 2. The flow of glory-giving
 - **John 16:14-15** *He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.*
 - Note the remarkable "humility" of the Godhead

CONCLUSION:

We've Got Power on Our Side!
 We've Got Power in Our Witness!
 We've Got Power in Our Bibles!

NOW WE'RE PLAYING WITH POWER!!!

APPENDIX MATERIAL:

SCHOLARLY POSITIONS ON "GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH..."—John 16:13

ALBERT BARNES: *That is, truth which pertained to the establishment of the Christian system, which they were not then prepared to hear.... [T]his is a full promise that they would be inspired and guided in founding the new church.*

A. T. ROBERTSON, WPNT: *This he does gradually. We are still learning the truth in Christ.*

JOHN CALVIN: *That very spirit had led them into all truth, when they had committed to writing the substance of their doctrine.....now that their writings may be regarded as perpetual records of that revelation which was promised and given to them, nothing can be added to them without doing grievous injury to the Holy Spirit.*

IRONSIDE: *When you sit down over your Bible and study this blessed word, do you lift up your heart to Him and pray, "Blessed Comforter, interpret the Word to me, and reveal Thy mind as I read." You know He delights to do it. It is His joy to open up the Word and lead us into all truth.*

MERRILL C. TENNEY IN THE EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY: *In this promise lies the germinal authority of the apostolic writings, which transmit the revelation of Christ through his disciples by the work of the Holy Spirit.*

WIERSBE: *When you compare John 14:6 with 16:13, you see the wonderful way that God arranged for the writing of the New Testament Scriptures. The Spirit would remind them of what Jesus had taught them; this gives us the four Gospels. The Spirit would also "guide" them into all truth, and this would result in the Epistles. "He will show you things to come" refers to the prophetic Scriptures, especially the book of Revelation. (The Wiersbe Bible Commentary, 2007. 290)*

EDWIN BLUM (BKC): *The New Testament books are the fulfillment of this teaching ministry of the Spirit.*

SCHOLARLY POSITIONS ON "THINGS TO COME..." —John 16:13

ALBERT BARNES: *Probably this means, the meaning of things which were to take place after the time when he was speaking to them; to wit, the design of his death, and the nature of the changes which were to*

the place in the Jewish nation. It is also true that the apostles were inspired by the Holy Spirit to predict future events which would take place in the church and the world.

A. T. ROBERTSON, WPNT: *The things already begun concerning the work of the Kingdom...not a chart of future history.*

CALVIN: *Some indeed limit this to the Spirit of prophecy; but, in my opinion, it denotes rather the future condition of his spiritual kingdom, such as the apostles, soon after his resurrection, saw it to be, but were at that time utterly unable to comprehend. He does not therefore promise them prophecies of things that would happen after their death, but means only that the nature of his kingdom will be widely different, and its glory far greater than their minds are now able to conceive.*

IRONSIDE: *We have the marvelous privilege of knowing the things which are to come, when all the world is wondering what the future has in store. The man of God who knows his Bible can look ahead and know just what is coming.*

MERRILL C. TENNEY IN *THE EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY*: *He would conduct them...into the unknown future as a guide directs those who follow him into unfamiliar territory.*

TENNEY IN *JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF BELIEF*: *The last clause of 16:13 constitutes the warrant for the inspiration of the New Testament. The Spirit was empowered to add to what Jesus had said in person to His disciples, and to predict the future. The discernment which the Spirit could generate and the definite knowledge which He could impart became the basis of the gift of prophecy and the creation of the authoritative canon which composes the New Testament. (238-239)*

J. DWIGHT PENTECOST: *This apparently was a reference to coming revelation given through the apostles and recorded by inspiration in the New Testament. (Words and Works of Jesus Christ, 446)*

NOTE: Pentecost employs this verse as the title for his book on eschatology, *Things to Come*. See the last paragraph of his preface, viii.

WIERSBE "*He will show you things to come*" refers to the prophetic Scriptures, especially the book of Revelation. (*The Wiersbe Bible Commentary*, 2007. 290)