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Worship & Church Life

Behind Every Work: God's Power

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

"Can I tell you this: behind every..." is a doorway into worship—because God's works are sustained by the greatness of His power. Scripture calls us to speak to God with reverence, recognize His gifts (including children as His heritage), and trust the immeasurable power He shows toward believers. This study traces how awe, gratitude, and faith shape the way we respond to God's works in everyday life.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Ephesians 1:19

Psalms 66:3

Psalms 127:3

Key Takeaways

- Behind every visible outcome is God's power at work, not human strength alone.
- Praise includes speaking directly to God about His awesome works (Psalm 66:3).
- God's gifts are entrusted to us; children are called a heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127:3).
- Believers are invited to know and rely on the exceeding greatness of God's power (Ephesians 1:19).
- Awe, gratitude, and faith are fitting responses to what God does and gives.

Introduction

Many parts of life are easy to measure: effort, results, responsibilities, and resources. Scripture trains believers to look deeper—to recognize what is behind every truly meaningful work and enduring blessing. This study focuses on God's power as the source of His works, the proper response of direct and reverent praise, and the wise stewardship of what God entrusts—especially when Scripture calls children a heritage from the Lord. The goal is not merely to notice God's activity, but to respond with worship, gratitude, and confident trust.

Scripture Reading

- **Ephesians 1:19** — This verse highlights what God wants believers to know: the surpassing (exceeding) greatness of His power toward those who believe. It calls for informed faith—confidence rooted in God's strength rather than human ability.
- **Psalms 66:3** — This verse models worship that addresses God directly, naming His awesome works and great power. It teaches praise that is both personal (spoken to God) and truthful (centered on who God is and what He does).
- **Psalms 127:3** — This verse frames children as God's gift: a heritage from the Lord. It shapes how believers value life, receive God's gifts with gratitude, and accept stewardship responsibilities with reverence.

Key Points

Behind Every Outcome Is Power — Scripture invites believers to look beyond what is seen and ask what is sustaining it. The deepest explanation for God’s works is not luck, circumstance, or human strength, but the greatness of God’s power. Ephesians 1:19 emphasizes that God wants believers to know His surpassing power “toward us who believe.” Faith is strengthened when outcomes are interpreted through the lens of God’s ability rather than limited human capacity. Psalms 66:3 reinforces this perspective by directing attention to God’s “awesome” works and “great” power. When the heart learns to identify what is behind every good gift and every enduring work, worship becomes a natural response.

- Practice saying “behind every” and finish the thought with God-centered truth (for example: behind every enduring change is God’s power at work).
- When evaluating success or failure, ask: “What does this reveal about my dependence on God’s power?”
- Replace self-reliance language with faith language: acknowledge God’s ability before making plans or pursuing tasks.
- Write a short prayer that thanks God for His power behind outcomes you often take for granted.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:19 Psalms 66:3

Respond With Awe-Filled Praise — Psalms 66:3 demonstrates worship that is spoken directly to God: “Say to God...” Praise is not only talking about God; it is speaking to God with reverence, honesty, and awe. Awe-filled praise names what is true: God’s works are awesome, and His power is great. This kind of worship trains spiritual vision—helping believers recognize God’s hand behind what happens rather than treating His works as ordinary or expected. As believers grow in this pattern, gratitude becomes more than a mood; it becomes a habit. The tongue learns to honor God, and the heart learns to remain tender toward His greatness.

- Use Psalms 66:3 as a pattern: speak directly to God, naming His awesome works and great power in your own words.
- Turn observations into worship: when you notice a provision or a breakthrough, respond with a short sentence of praise addressed to God.
- Identify one area where God’s work has become “normal” to you; intentionally express fresh awe and gratitude.
- In times of uncertainty, practice praising God for His power before asking for outcomes.

Scripture: Psalms 66:3

Key Points (cont.)

3. Recognize and Steward God's Heritage — Psalms 127:3 calls children “a heritage from the Lord” and describes them as God’s gift. The word heritage communicates entrusted value: something received, protected, and cared for with responsibility. Seeing children as heritage reframes common assumptions. They are not possessions to control, trophies to display, or burdens to resent. They are a trust from God, meant to be received with gratitude and stewarded with wisdom. This principle also shapes how believers handle all that God gives. Gratitude acknowledges the Giver; stewardship honors Him by using His gifts in ways consistent with reverence and care.

- If you are responsible for children in any capacity, write a simple stewardship commitment that reflects gratitude and responsibility before God.
- Pray regularly to see children (and other entrusted responsibilities) as heritage—God’s gift—rather than as interruptions or extensions of self.
- Express gratitude for God’s gifts with specific words, not general sentiment; name the gift and thank God directly.
- Evaluate daily decisions by asking: “Does this treat God’s heritage with the value and care it deserves?”

Scripture: Psalms 127:3

4. Know the Greatness of His Power Toward Believers — Ephesians 1:19 does not present God’s power as distant or abstract. It describes power directed “toward” believers—strength available for faith, endurance, obedience, and perseverance. This verse highlights that believers are invited to know God’s power, not merely hear about it. Knowing shapes how the heart faces limits: instead of despairing at weakness, faith learns to rely on God’s exceeding greatness. Confidence in God’s power does not erase responsibility; it strengthens it. Wise stewardship, faithful worship, and resilient trust become possible because God is able—and His power surpasses what believers can produce on their own.

- Memorize Ephesians 1:19 and use it as a prayer when facing tasks beyond your strength.
- Identify one ongoing challenge and deliberately replace fear-based thinking with reliance on God’s surpassing power.
- Before beginning a significant responsibility, pause to acknowledge God’s power “toward” you as a believer.
- Track answered prayers or sustained endurance as reminders that God’s power is not theoretical but active.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:19

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- What words or phrases in Ephesians 1:19 emphasize the magnitude of God's power toward believers?
- In Psalms 66:3, what is the direct instruction about how to speak, and to whom is it addressed?
- What does Psalms 127:3 explicitly call children, and what does it identify as their source?
- Across these passages, what repeated themes appear related to God's works, power, and human response?
- Which passage most directly describes what believers are meant to know, and which most directly models what believers are meant to say?

Interpretation

- What does it mean, in practical terms, to recognize that behind every meaningful work is God's power rather than human strength alone?
- Why might Scripture emphasize speaking directly to God in praise (Psalms 66:3) instead of only speaking about God?
- How does the concept of heritage (Psalms 127:3) reshape attitudes about responsibility, value, and care?
- How can knowing the surpassing greatness of God's power (Ephesians 1:19) strengthen faith without promoting passivity?
- What might change in daily perspective if awe, gratitude, and faith became the primary responses to God's works and gifts?

Application

- Where is it hardest to believe that behind every good outcome is God's power at work, and why?
- What is one specific way to practice Psalms 66:3 this week by speaking directly to God with reverence and awe?
- How can you treat a current responsibility as a trust from God rather than as an inconvenience or a personal achievement?
- If children are a heritage from the Lord, what practical choices reflect faithful stewardship in speech, time, and priorities?
- What situation right now requires you to rely on God's surpassing power toward believers (Ephesians 1:19) rather than your own resources?
- What habit could help you consistently respond to God's works with awe, gratitude, and faith?

Prayer Focus

- Ask God to open your eyes to His power behind every meaningful work and blessing.
- Praise God directly for His awesome works and great power.
- Thank God for His gifts and ask for wisdom to steward His heritage with reverence.
- Pray for stronger trust in God's power toward believers in daily responsibilities.

Next Step

Choose one specific area of life to intentionally name “behind every...” in prayer, then respond with direct praise and one concrete act of faithful stewardship.

Conclusion

Behind every work that truly endures stands the surpassing greatness of God's power. Scripture calls for a response that is both reverent and practical: speak to God with awe-filled praise, receive His gifts with gratitude, and steward what He entrusts—including the heritage He gives. As believers grow in knowing God's power toward them, everyday life becomes shaped by worship, ...

Conclusion (cont.)

wise responsibility, and confident trust in what God can do.

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