



## Session #2: Power Made Perfect

**OPENING PRAYER:** God, you are the Father Almighty. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Lord God of power and might, You are our Protector, our Shield, our Savior. You are the One we come from. You are the One we should be living for, God. Lord Jesus, You reign in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. Be with us, now, Lord. Send us your Holy Spirit – Your Holy Power – to guide us to all truth. *All Glory be...*

**INTRODUCTION:** Remember what we said about paradoxes at the beginning of Session #1?

What is more powerful, a lion or a lamb? Our natural answer would be a lion, based on a lion's strength, ferocity and agility. A lamb, by contrast, is a defenseless creature, open to slaughter by a stronger predator. The truth, though, is that on Good Friday, Christ gave us a new vision of strength and power. When Christ took our sins upon Himself on the Cross, an act that required greater strength than any of us can fathom, we were given a new vision of power...power made perfect in weakness.

The alcoholic who admits his problem has more power over it than the one who proudly denies his addiction. The person who lives chastely and protects his sexuality has more power over himself (and other) than one who gives his power away through abusing that gift.

God's mercy towards us is not a sign of weakness. God's mercy demonstrates, again, just how truly powerful he is – and how blessed are we that He is so loving. God's motivation is salvation. It always has been. Since Genesis, and throughout every book in the Bible, we see how God has worked and is working for our salvation.

God's motivation is your salvation. What is your motivation each day? Is it your salvation or your personal desires? Whose motivation is more pure, yours or God's? Whose plan on achieving salvation is more pure, yours or God's? Whose judgment of whether or not you deserve salvation is more pure, yours or God's?

Thank God that the powerful lion is as gentle as a lamb.

**Chapters to Read:** Revelation Chapters 6-11

**Key Verse:** Revelation 7:17

**Break It Down:** (Answer these before the study)

- 1) What do you think the opening of the seals represents in Chapter 6?

- 2) What image appears with the opening of the first four seals?
- 3) Who does John see when the fifth seal opens? (Revelation 6:9)?
- 4) What do the seven classes of men mentioned in Revelation 6:15 teach us about judgement?
- 5) What is the “new seal” we hear of in chapter seven?
- 6) What do we learn about suffering in chapter 7 (Revelation 7:14)?
- 7) What are trumpets used for in Scripture?
- 8) What does Revelation 9:4 promise us about the saving sign?
- 9) What were the people in the final judgment given?
- 10) In Revelation 11:10, how are the prophet’s ministries described?

