

## MORNING WORSHIP

18 May 2008

Title: "Striving according to His working which works in me mightily"

Text: Colossians 1:24-29

Combined Worship: YAG Retreat

### (I) THE POWER OF GOD DEMONSTRATED IN JESUS

*"Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness."* **Luke 4:1**

*"Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee..."* **Luke 4:14**

The Lord Jesus as the supreme example

### (II) THE POWER OF GOD PROMISED

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* **Acts 1:8**

1. Promise of power by the Lord Jesus (Cf. John 14-16)
2. Promise of power through the ministry of the Holy Spirit
3. Promise of power to witness
4. Promise of power to reach "the end of the world" for Christ effectively

### (III) THE POWER OF GOD AS EXPERIENCED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL

*"To this end I also labour, striving according to His working which works in me mightily."* **Colossians 1:29**

#### 1. The power to labour

- a) Preaching (**Colossians 1:28**)
- b) Admonishing (**Colossians 1:28**)
- c) Teaching (**Colossians 1:28**)
- d) Producing mature believers (**Colossians 1:28**)

#### 2. The power that creates Drive

*"...striving according to His working which works in me mightily."* **Colossians 1:29**

- a) Striving
- b) God's working (in a believer)
- c) Mightily

### (IV) POWERFUL CHALLENGE

1. To discover that promised power
2. To be driven by that power of the Spirit of God