

The Baptism of Fire

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Back in the early 90's the Lord began to give me a series of dreams and visions relating to His creation—man. The first of these I shared in *Revelations from God*—it was a vision of the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit working side by side in a workshop and they were creating a human spirit in preparation for placing it within a human body. They were placing gifts inside this spirit life form. This vision demonstrated something the Lord had told me prophetically about my own life just three years before—“I've created you for a purpose.”

We are all created in the workshop of God for a *specific* purpose. Yes, we're supposed to live godly lives, help the poor, do what is right, fear God and obey the commandments of the Scriptures but each of us is created for a specific purpose! I believe Mordecai understood this concept based on his reply to Queen Esther, “And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)

Many Christians are not taught this truth or they are erroneously taught that if they don't fulfill their purpose God will get somebody else to do it. The Lord told me on several occasions that this is not true—yes, He will try to get somebody else to accomplish your purpose but He doesn't always have somebody. Remember, there's nobody else created exactly like you with your gifts, talents and training so sometimes—because of timing—He needs to use you to fulfill His purposes and plans or they won't be accomplished. As I've preached and written many times, “The biggest error most Christians have in their thinking is that because God is sovereign His will is always done. My experience is that the will of God is normally *not* done!”

Do you think God could have replaced Moses with just anybody? No, Moses had endured 80 years of preparation for his main purpose for being created so God could not just replace him with another Israelite.

So the Lord has created you for a purpose or purposes and it's very important that you find out what this is. The devil knows this and will contest you each step of the way so you must engage yourself in spiritual warfare to accomplish your mission in life as we emphasized in the message, *Bringing the Will of God to Pass in Your Life by Spiritual Warfare*—it requires warfare to bring the will of God to pass in your life and those you are praying for. Fortunately, the Lord has given us spiritual weapons:

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)”
■ 2 Corinthians 10:4

Two of the greatest weapons we have are the Word of God (*rhema theos*—the spoken word) and the indwelling Presence of God Himself in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Of course for us to speak the word like Jesus did to Satan we must have the Word stored in our spirits and that is why reading and meditating in the Word is so important and one of the main ingredients, the Lord showed me in 1997, in bringing the will of God—His purposes and plans for us to pass in our lives. But today I awoke feeling strongly led to discuss the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire.

Let's begin with John the Baptist—do you think he found his purpose in life? Do you think he was a pure man of God? Do you think he knew God intimately? Then perhaps we should read and meditate on what he said in the Scriptures. After all, Jesus said he was the greatest man ever created! (Mt. 11:11) That testimony from the Lord Jesus would certainly look good on his resume when he sends it out to churches to get invitations to preach, right? John said, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall Baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:” ■ Matthew 3:11

From this and other scriptures we learn that Jesus is the mighty Baptizer because He is able to baptize people with spiritual things and the spirit realm is higher than the natural realm. And it's no coincidence that the Holy Spirit baptism occurred on the Day of Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost (*Shavu'ot* in Hebrew) was one of the three major feasts Israel was commanded to observe—the other two being Passover and Tabernacles (Booths). Pentecost had significance to Israel as a celebration of “first fruits” and so likewise did the Lord Jesus send the Holy Spirit and Baptism of Fire upon the first Pentecost after His resurrection as a *sign*. Not only was the Church established but the Spirit was given as a sign of the first fruits of the Kingdom of God—the Sons of God—and the Spirit is also the “first fruits” of our inheritance as Sons of God. Likewise, those with the Eye of the Eagle can easily see that the next of the three major feasts, Tabernacles, will coincide with the return of the Lord Jesus for His Church—He will be dwelling with us—finally and firmly establishing the Kingdom of God upon the earth!

When Jesus came to be baptized in water by John, the prophet said, “I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?” John was not referring to his water baptism of repentance but rather to the Baptism of Fire and the Holy Spirit that he had referred to previously. But how did he know that? By revelation!

John the Baptist had a revelation from God during his time of training and preparation for ministry regarding the spiritual baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire. From the Scriptures we don't glean what exactly he knew but he knew enough to know that he needed that baptism of fire and the Spirit that only the Lord Jesus could provide. How much more do we need this spiritual baptism today!

Last night I was listening to my friend Omoobajesu's message, *My Conversion*, again. If you haven't heard this message then you should get it and listen to it because it's a wonderful testimony about how He was saved personally by the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ. I've slept in the bedroom at his home in Ifon where the Spirit came into the room in the form of a Dove and spoke to him at the time of his conversion. At that time of his conversion he

was a very powerful man in the Dark Kingdom and had killed thousands of people through charms and magic. Yet the Lord Jesus had a purpose for his life and it took the Lord Jesus to personally intervene and speak to him saying, "Shall a man fight against his creator?" Emmanuel was fighting against Him with magic and charms to kill Him because he thought that he was a human fighting against him with magic.

I gave many testimonies in Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom about both Christians and evil spirits, including the Principality Belial, seeing the Fire of God. In the Dark world they call it, "The fire that consumes fire." Consider the following:

"Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who Among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

■ Isaiah 33:14

"For the Lord your God is a consuming fire ..."

■ Deuteronomy 4:24

"For our God is a consuming fire."

■ Hebrews 12:29

"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar Of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a Pillar of fire, to give them light;"

■ Exodus 13:21

"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like As of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

■ Acts 2:3

One of the many testimonies I received from many members of the Dark Kingdom is concerning the Fire of God. Very often when they were given an assignment to go destroy a person who was a Christian or a church they would see a wall of *fire* surrounding it. That Fire is the Holy Spirit of God! What an awesome thing to see! But to members of the Dark Kingdom it brings fear.

Christians who have a good gift of Discerning of Spirits have reported seeing fire shooting from the finger tips of ministers when they were praying for somebody with the laying on of hands. Again, that Fire is the Anointing and Presence of the Holy Spirit inhabiting

the Temple of God, His People. What a powerful concept that we need to understand to help set us free from all fear in this world. The Angel of the Lord, who is not the LORD as commonly stated in most study Bibles, also appears sometimes as a pillar of fire. The Bible says, “The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who Fear him, and delivers them.”

■ Psalm 34:7

“And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a Flame of fire out of the midst of a bush ...”

■ Exodus 3:2

Now an interesting fact about this Fire of God or Wall of Fire has to do with holiness, purity and prayer. One testimony I received from a previous Ruler of Darkness in the Dark Kingdom shows just how much Satan and all his kingdom fear those Christians most who are engulfed with a huge Wall of Fire. Satan told this man, “Don’t attack the church goers or unbelievers—we already have them. Attack those Christians who give themselves to purity and prayer.” The more pure you are and the more prayerful you are the further out from you this Wall of Fire extends. In the case of these churches or crusades that the devil sought to attack where we have testimonies of a wall of fire surrounding them, I have no doubt it was because that particular church had a number of people deeply devoted to prayer. This is also an indication, for example, if you’re planning a crusade or some meetings, that if you want to be successful you must accompany it with much intercessory prayer.

Now, in the spirit realm all true Christians appear dressed in white but those who are not prayerful appear to members of the Dark Kingdom like a snowball whereas those Christians who make prayer a priority in their lives appear as brilliant white light surrounded by a Wall of Fire that extends out from them anywhere from 3-100 meters. If you’re spiritually cognizant of those around you when you’re at the mall or on the street and you are such a prayerful Christian then you will notice people going out of their way to avoid you at all costs! These are people involved in witchcraft or the occult who are afraid to get close to you because of the Fire.

However, the moment you sin, that Wall of Fire goes down until you repent. I'm sure that's the main reason why the devil attempts to get Christians into sin—he wants to get your wall of protection down so he can attack you.

I hope that this teaching will cause you to repent for lack of prayerfulness and realize that many of the attacks of the enemy against you could have been prevented had you been more disciplined in prayer, especially praying in the spirit—remember, when you pray by the Spirit (Romans 8:27) you are praying the perfect will of God over that person or situation. Treasure the precious gift of the Holy Spirit within you and the Baptism of Fire. Allow Him to help you and protect you. Praise the Lord!