

Gospel of Fire

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The Lord is inspiring and He wants to inspire us. And we can always be inspired. There's always inspiration in the Holy Spirit. There's inspiration to old dreams. There's inspiration to new dreams. There's inspiration to the old things of God. There's inspiration in the new things of God. And He burns with inspiration. He burns with it. If you feel dead or stagnant, there's inspiration in the fire of God. He burns to inspire you. Inspire you to faith. Inspire you to believe. Inspire you to have joy. Proverbs 31 says, there's a woman who looks to the future and laughs with anticipation and joy, not looking to the future with dread or anxiety or fear. In the same way it's the bride of Christ that must be looking to the future with inspiration. I'm inspired to be the bride of Christ. I look forward I look forward. I'm inspired in His day. Amen.

I want to start today in 2 Corinthians 6. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. And this is one of the verses that reveals this to us. We're going to be in 2 Corinthians 6:16–18: “What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said, I will make My dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore go out from their midst and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing then I will welcome you and I will be a father to you and you shall be My sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.” We are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we have delved on this before is that the Holy Spirit is holy. He is altogether separate. He is altogether unique. He is also altogether whole. And that He is the whole image of love. He is the whole image of anger. He is the whole image of peace. He is the whole image of joy. He is the whole image of justice. He is the wholeness. And His Spirit is the holiness. The Spirit of holiness is the Holy Spirit. And so anyone that will be of His family, the fire of the Holy Spirit will burn that which is not holy. It makes the unholy holy. It makes the dirt purified. It makes anything that gets in that way, it burns it away. Praise God.

And this is how we become sons and daughters. “Be holy, as I am holy.” You are, you be, you are, you be. You cannot make yourself holy. You just have to be. It's the same way that we think of being loved. You are the beloved. You are the beloved of God. You have to be loved. You just have to be loved. You cannot make yourself be loved. You cannot conjure up that emotion of love. You just have to be in front of the Father and receive love. Be loved. Be loved. There are many Christians that know the love of God is for everyone else but themselves. God can love you, but I struggle to know how much He loves me. Your first call

is to know how much the Father loves you. How can you love others unless you know how much He's loved you? are first called to be loved, be the beloved. Be the beloved. And when you are the beloved, you become holy in that present. In the love of God, you are holy. You be holy. You become holy. You understand this. There's a conflict of interest. And the Holy Spirit is the advocate that reveals this conflict of interest. Because we were born not of holiness, but of unholiness. We were born not clean, but unclean. We were born not pure, but polluted. And the Holy Spirit doesn't condemn us in that, because we've already been condemned. but He comes to convict us and burn it out. You can't wash it out. You can't cover it up anymore. When the Holy Spirit is in you, you're going to burn. He's going to burn it. And that's when we get defensive. That's when we get defensive in the soul and say, but God, I kind of want that.

And that's why this verse starts out the way it does. What agreement What agreement? What are you agreeing with? What agreement does the temple of God have with idols? There is no agreement. Why do you agree? It's the question of your own soul. Move up a little bit. In verse 12 here, we'll go from 12 down to 16. You with me? 2 Corinthians 6:12 says, "You are not restricted by us." This is the apostle talking to the Corinthian church, saying whatever restriction you're having, it's not from us. If you feel restricted, if you feel that there is a block, it's not coming from your heads. It's not coming from your leaders. It's not coming from your oversight. You are not restricted in God by us. But you are restricted in your own affections. What restricts us in growing in the Lord is our own affections for the world. The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. Just the pride of life. You are restricted by your own affections, by your own desires for that which is not holy. Yes? "In return, I speak as to children, widen your hearts also. Verse 14, do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols, for we are the temple of the living God?" Amen. This temple is holding the Holy Spirit. You have to be baptized into fire.

Let's go to Luke 3. I taught the baptism of the Holy Spirit this week. Praise the Lord in Kingdom One of our Apostolic Training Center. But this sermon is dated September 13th. Just so you know. September 13th, the fire of God came without me preaching it. So. This is on that, piggybacking on what the Lord already does. I just do what He's been doing. Don't make up something new, you just follow Him. Luke 3:16 says this. It is John the Baptist, and he says, "John answered them all, saying, 'I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'" Go to Luke 12. There's a baptism of Jesus that's different than the baptism of John the Baptist. Jesus fulfilled the water baptism, but He said, I have a

different one. We will fulfill the Old Testament with water baptism, but the new is going to be a spiritual baptism of fire. It's going to be by My hands. The Spirit of the living God that comes upon you and stays because you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are the temple of God. We're in Luke 12, verse 49. This is Jesus speaking. Jesus says this, "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I came to give peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

The fire of God was dividing between soul and spirit. within your own soul, within your own spirit. It divides between the thoughts and intentions of the heart, it says in Hebrews. What do you think is really doing this conviction? What do you think is really causing this tension? Is it not the Spirit of God? Is it not the fire of the Holy Spirit that says, this is how you used to walk, but why do you have agreement with it anymore? You're not of this world anymore. You're of My kingdom. And if you're of My kingdom, then we do things according to that kingdom. Not of the ways of the world, but not of the ways of the flesh, not of the ways of the soul, but the way of the spirit. And He divides between the thoughts and intentions of your own heart, between the joints and marrow of your own soul, of your own flesh, of your own ways. It's pretty amazing. I came to cast fire on the earth. Fire. That's a different thing. It's different than water. It's a little bit scary, yes, because you can't put the Holy Spirit in a box, but yet He dwells in you. Yet He dwells in I. That's why when the apostles were all together, there was fire that fell. It wasn't the first time they received the Holy Spirit. We read in John 20 that Jesus cants them in the flesh and bone. And He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone, they will be forgiven, and if you withhold forgiveness from any, it will be withheld." But then He tells them to stay and wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. And on the day of Pentecost, the tongues of fire came upon them. Why would He need to give them more of the Holy Spirit if He already gave it to them when He rose from the dead?

There is a baptism that I have and how I long until it is kindled. I have to baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. This is what He says. I came to cast fire on the earth and wood that it were already kindled. I have a baptism to be baptized with and how great is My distress until it is accomplished in you. God is not afraid to put you into fire. You were created to hold fire. And not just a temporary fire, an eternal fire. Because our God is an all-consuming fire. This is a different deal. This is a fire that doesn't die down. This is an inspiration that never goes out. This isn't a swelling and a coming down. This is a fire. This is a furnace that never runs dry. And you are a body created from the beginning of time to hold the fire of God. Wow. Where did I get that from? That's Hebrews 12:29. Might as well see that it's there, right? God is an all-consuming fire. Yes? Hebrews 12:29 says what I've been repeating, "For our God is a consuming fire." But you notice that's under quotes. Where did

it come from originally? That's Deuteronomy 4:24. He backs it up. He says it twice in the Bible, one in the Old Testament, one in the New Testament. Your God is an all-consuming fire. Here's Deuteronomy 4:24. It says, "For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God." "For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God." His zeal is the fire. His zeal is the inspiration. The fire of God looks like zeal. It's the attitude of fire, zeal. Why do you do what you do? Because I am on fire, so it looks like zeal. Why do you show up and do these things? Because I have to be where God is. Psalm 26. "I love the habitation where You live, God. I love the place where Your glory dwells." I am inspired to be where You are. I am on fire to be where You are. It looks like zeal. I am zealous, right?

Isaiah 9:7, the Lord, He is on fire, and we know that when He comes back, it will be on full display. We are the bride holding the fire until Jesus' zeal is publicly manifest. We are the bride that knows who He is before the world knows who He is. We are the bride that knows the zeal of the fire in Jesus' eyes before the world sees the zeal and the fire in His eyes. And oh, that will be a day they wish they didn't see. They wish they would have been the bride. They wish they would have been in the secret place burning with that zeal before the second coming of the king that's burning upon the earth. How do we know this? Isaiah 9 is where it starts. Isaiah 9:7, "Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end. On the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." The zeal of the Lord of hosts.

Stay in Isaiah and go to Isaiah 66. Go to the end of the book. Isaiah 66, this is prophesying of the increase has come. The government of God is here. Jesus has come. And His spiritual kingdom is a light. His spiritual kingdom is going forth. And we are holding that fire as the beloved bride of Christ. But there will be a day when He appears. The heavens will open, the sky will rend and see into the third heaven that here comes the one. The King has come. And this is what it will look like. Isaiah 66:15 says, "For behold, the Lord will come in fire. The Lord will come in fire. The Lord will come in fire. He says, I had a baptism to be baptized with and how I long until you received it. And I wish that all would receive it so that when the real fire of God comes, you can withstand. You don't have to bow. You can stand in the presence of the King whom you've already been serving your whole life in fire for Him. For behold, the Lord will come in fire. and His chariots like the whirlwind, to render His anger and fury and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire the Lord will enter into judgment, and by His sword with all flesh and those slain by the Lord shall be many." Here comes the wrath of the Lamb. But you, I'm calling to not be in this. Yes?

Let's go to John 2. John chapter 2. We see the zeal of the Lord in the Lord. We see the fire of the Lord in the Lord. This is John 2:13–22. "The Passover of the Jews was at hand. And Jesus

went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons and the money changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple with the sheep and the oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. And He told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away. Do not make My Father's house a house of trade.' And His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for Your house will consume Me.' So the Jews said to Him, 'What sign do You show us for doing these things?'

Notice Jesus doesn't, He is in such a consummation of the zeal and the fire of God. He doesn't quote a scripture. He doesn't quote, you should not have greed. He doesn't quote anything. He talks about where the fire of God dwells. Notice what He does. They go, why are You doing this? Show us a sign of what You're saying. And it's almost like He just says something in His anger, His zeal, His fire that seems impossible. And the disciples are like, well, He just said that out of His spite. What does He say? He actually prophesies. And Jesus answered them and says, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' He doesn't go after their greed. He says, it's about the fire of God. And this is not a place where My fire can dwell. You think you know what you're doing? Destroy this thing. I will raise it up in three days that can hold the fire of God. What you are doing cannot hold the fire. Your religious ways cannot hold the fire. Your religious systems to make it easy for people to enter in will not hold the fire. The easier you make it, the easier they go to sleep. but people who burn cannot go to sleep. The Jews then said, 'It has taken us 46 years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?' But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this" and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

I come to cast fire on the earth and how I long until it would be kindled. But I have to have a place for it to go. I have to have an edifice, a body, a vessel that it can reside in. The glory of the Lord was meant to be held. It wasn't meant to just come and go. It was meant to reside. We want to behold the glory of the Lord, but we want to hold the glory of the Lord. We want to hold the glory of the Lord in you, in this place, in this region, in this city. Amen? Even we, as God's temple, will be tried by fire. Go to 1 Corinthians 3. The temple of God is the body of flesh. You are called to hold fire, spiritual fire that never dies down. That's why we get afraid of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That's why it's hard to talk about. That's why it's hard, because religion says, I don't know if we really want this. But the abandoned heart says, I absolutely do. I absolutely do. I absolutely have to feel the fire that I was born to feel. You were born to feel the fire of God touch your heart. It was created to be plugged in to the eternal flame of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 3:12-16. You with me? "Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire. And the fire

will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.” There is a saying that we say here that it's better to fall upon the rock versus the rock fall upon you. It's also better to get burned now before you have to stand before Christ. and be burned. It doesn't say you're not saved. It doesn't say that. But I might as well die in the burning of God now than in the presence of all. As much as possible, I got to go in front of God now and burn with the fire of God. Do you see it? Only as through fire. You're not going to not have to do this. You get to choose when. And I am imploring you to seek the face of God and purify yourself only by surrender to the fire of the Holy Spirit and be glorified in that fire now.

As we as unveiled face see the glory of God, we shall be changed when we see Him in His likeness. And this is the spirit of the Lord, which the Lord is the spirit. And the spirit is the Lord. You go, Grant, this is an interesting gospel. But I would speak back to you that the whole Bible is actually a gospel of fire. You might not have been taught that, but if you really see there is a weaving, a tapestry, a part of the tapestry is a gospel of fire. It's always been who He is. We know that there's a perpetual burning in Jesus' heart. At the end of the book, of the end of the entire book in Revelation, John sees Him. The man that he followed, the man that he followed, he sees Him again with white hair and he realizes Jesus is the ancient of days. But His eyes are different. There are eyes of fire. What does that even mean? He has something burning. He is a furnace. His body is a dwelling place of the furnace of God. And if you are going to be made like Him in His image and likeness, what does that make you? What does that make us? Yes?

Let's go to Exodus 3. Let me propose to you this gospel of fire. We know that no one on the earth followed God after Noah. There was none. The world was dark. But then one heard His voice and left his own country. And God became the God of Abraham, the father of faith. He believed. And your journey must start with faith. And He became the fear of Isaac. And your journey must start with faith and then holy fear. And then He became the God of Jacob. the one who wrestled with God and became the prince of God. This is how we all must start. You must have faith. You must fear. And you must go and wrestle with your God and know Him to know yourself as a son of the living God. We all must start here. And then there was one who came later. They go through Joseph to Egypt, and they're in bondage. And then God shows up in a certain way here in Exodus 3:2–6. How does God show up? “The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. Moses looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed—a perpetual burning. It's consuming, but it never runs out of fuel. And Moses said, I will turn aside and see this great sight why the bush is not burned. And when the Lord saw that He turned aside to see, God called to Him in the bush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, here I

am. And He said, do not come near. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. It's the Holy Spirit. And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of faith. I'm the God of Isaac. I'm the God of your fear. And I am the God of Jacob, the one who calls you to be a prince of God." Any of your wrestlings I can handle, but now I have come to you and I'm revealing to you that I am a fire.

This is brand new revelation. This has not been seen on the earth until Moses says, I saw God. What did He look like? Fire. He's fire that doesn't die out. He is fire that doesn't die out. The Israelites had been enslaved for 400 years. God delivers them out of bondage. They go for 50 day journey out of their bondage to a mountain to see God and He is on fire. The mountain is burning. The mountain is on fire. Do you see? The mountain is on fire. The prophet that came and told them, I have seen God and He is on fire came from another land. He came from the land of Minion. He was a part of them, but he came from another place. He had separated himself from them and he was there again. We read in Deuteronomy 18:15 that Moses himself says, "There will be a prophet like me who comes to you." Listen to what he says. A prophet like me, a prophet who was a part of us and was away and then comes back. And Jesus, He was there in Bethlehem. He was taken away to where? Egypt. And then 30 years later, He appears. He'd come back. Do you see this? gospel of fire has actually been weaving through. In the Old Testament, Malachi is the last book. From the time of Malachi to the time of Jesus is 400 years. From the time of Joseph and his family going to Israel and then going into bondage and Moses' appearing was 400 years. And when Moses came and brought them up and delivered them out of their bondage, it took them 50 days to get to a mountain that was burning on fire. And they told Moses, We don't want to go up to the fire. You go up. You go up and tell us what the fire says. Yes?

And Malachi had been 400 years of darkness, no voice. The voice of the Lord had gone silent. And then, as a fulfillment of the prophecy, a great light has come from Bethlehem. O Gentiles, see the light which has come upon you. A prophet, just like Moses, fulfilling the prophecy. And this one, He came and He delivered us out of spiritual bondage, permanently, forever. He went and He took us out of our slave of sin. He took it off. Just as Moses delivered them up and out. And He says, I have a fire. 50 days after He rose from the dead, the baptism of the Holy Spirit came and fell. The same exact amount of time. 50 days. After He delivered you and I from permanent bondage and permanent slavery, eternal, He gives us eternal life, eternal freedom. And then 50 days later, He says, I have a fire that will never, ever leave you. And it's gonna be in you. It's always been a gospel of fire.

It's always been a gospel of fire. It's always been the good news of the gospel. Isn't this amazing? It's always been a gospel of fire. It's always been about going and hearing the fire.

Let's go to Hebrews. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart. Yes? Let me find that. I'm pretty sure it's in... Is it 4? Yeah. Hebrews 4. Yes. Okay. Start in verse 2. Are you ready? The gospel means good news. Yes? Good news. I'm in the ESV, obviously, if you haven't figured that out. Hebrews 4:2–7. “For good news. Gospel came to us just as to them. That's the Israelites. But the message the Israelites heard did not benefit them because they were not united by faith with those who were listening. For we who have believed enter that rest. As He said, I as I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest. Although His works were finished from the foundation of the world, Let's keep going. Go to verse 6. Since therefore it remains for some of the Israelites to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter it because of disobedience.” What is he saying here? He's saying, we received good news. We had been delivered from our bondage and we were going to a promised land. And we were all looking forward to that promised land. But along the way, 50 days later, God gave us a stipulation. You're going in with My fire. You're going in with Me, all of Me that I would be God to you. And when they saw the God that was to go in with them, they go, I don't know if I want that God. I'd rather have the God that I can create. And they did it. While the mountain was burning, they created the God that was easier for them to go in with. Why? Because, as we read at the beginning, there is nothing restricting you from God except your own affections. And we look at them and condemn them. God says they were not able to enter into My rest because of their disobedience. The fire will give you real rest. Yes? 7. Again, he appoints a certain day today, saying through David so long afterward in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

Wow. Go to verse 11. Today, if you hear His voice, church, do not harden your heart. Verse 11. Therefore, I mean, “Let us therefore strive to enter that rest so that no one may fall to be the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of fire, of Him to whom we must give an account.” You are of fire. You are of fire. Let's go to Hebrews 12. Yes? Hebrews 12. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart. This is the verse I'm thinking of too. This is where we'll end today. You hear it? Excuse me. Hebrews 12:18–24. “For you, church, have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. for they cannot endure the order that was given. If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned. Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that

Moses himself said, I tremble with fear. I know. But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable angels in a festal gathering. and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused Him, who warned them on the earth, how much less will we escape if we reject Him who warns from heaven?" And then there's our verse in 29. For our God is a consuming fire. Amen.

Psalm 12:6 says something pretty amazing: "The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times." We are of the earth, we are on the ground, we are on the earth. And the words of the Lord are to be this fire that purifies you, not once, Not twice, not three times, not four times, not five times, not six times, but a perfect seven times. Perfect, that you would be perfect. But it takes you allowing the word of the Lord to be a fire that purifies you over and over and over again. "The words of the Lord are pure words. like silver refined in a furnace on the earth. We're on the earth, purified seven times." by the fire of God. Amen. Let's stand and let's receive the word. And if you need the baptism of the Holy Spirit, if you've never been baptized in the Holy Spirit or you want more, we are up here for that specifically. It's the fire of God. Amen. If you've never had the gift of tongues for edification of your spirit, we are here for that as well. Amen. If you have a question about any of that, I'm here for that as well.

Holy Ghost, we are here for You. are the Holy, Holy One. And the Lord is my Holy Spirit whom I love. I love the Holy Spirit. God, I love You, Lord. The Holy Spirit is the Lord. And I'm following the Lord. So we seek to know Your voice and to hear it. And today, when we hear Your voice, we will not harden our hearts. We choose to not have a form of religion or godliness that denies the power, denies the power of the Holy Spirit. And if they were given the physical manifestation, What would be the judgment for us if we deny the eternal manifestation by Your Spirit? For what is unseen is more real. And I thank You, Father, for this revelation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.