"BURNING COALS"

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John 21:9

Today we are living in the last days!

According to Isaiah 60:1-2 the Bible says, "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, <u>darkness covers the earth</u> and <u>thick</u> <u>darkness is over the peoples</u>, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you."

In order for us to take the Gospel to a lost world and get them saved in this wicked and perverted generation we are going to need the power of God flowing out of our hearts.



God desires that men and women have their hearts on fire for Him. These are Christians who are walking in holiness and who are praying men and women. The Bible shows us that in

the last of the last days <u>thick darkness is over the</u> <u>peoples</u>, but the Lord rises upon you and <u>his glory</u> <u>appears over you</u>."

"His glory appears over you" means that in the last days God will use men and women who are full of the glory of His power in this last day's revival.

These are the '**Burning Bushes'** and the '**Burning Coals'** that God will use in the last days to preach the Word and bring revival. They will be men and women who are on fire and are full of the Holy Ghost. John the Baptist prophesied that Jesus would anoint these kinds of disciples!

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**" Matt. 3:11

READ Lev. 6:12-13

Q: Why does God need men and women on fire in these last days?

A: For the Revival that is coming!

GOD HAD A MAN ON FIRE IN MOSES

The Burning Bush reflected the heart of Moses when God appeared to him. It showed that his heart was on fire!

"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-inlaw, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in <u>flames of fire</u> <u>from within a bush</u>. Moses <u>saw</u> that though <u>the bush was</u> <u>on fire</u> it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up" (Ex. 3:1-3).

God spoke to Moses and launched him out to Egypt to deliver His people from bondage.

"When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And



Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians" (Ex. 3:4-8).

One of the biggest revivals happened because God had a man on fire ready to <u>deliver</u> his people and <u>lead</u> His people when it happened. The Bible shows us that after very intense Spiritual Warfare a great Revival broke forth where 3 million people were delivered from bondage! God had used Moses, who was a man on Fire, to deliver His people from the hands of a wicked king.

GOD HAD HIS DISCIPLES WHO WERE MEN ON FIRE

The discouraged disciples find themselves back to old familiar ways, 'Fishing' and out of the perfect will of God.

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, <u>but that night they caught</u> <u>nothing</u>" (John 21:3).

But these professional fishermen did not catch nothing. The reason it did not go well for these disciples on their fishing trip was because they had stepped out of God's perfect will for their lives. They had been called by God to serve Him in full time ministry.

Matthew 4:19 says, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Jesus had trained them for about three and a half years



and because of failure in their lives they thought that God was done with them. The Disciples did not understand the mercy, patience, grace and love of God. To their surprise, Jesus was standing by the shore calling out to them. By this time in the lives of all the disciples, their hearts had been crushed and broken because of their failure. All of them had experienced the biggest fall of their Christian walk and training in ministry. Jesus had prophesied their failure. Beginning with Peter, all of the disciples had promised Jesus that they would never abandon Him when the rough got going.

"Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered,



"this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, <u>"Even if I have to</u> <u>die with you, I will never</u> <u>disown you.</u>" <u>And all the</u>

other disciples said the same" (Matt. 26:33-35).

But the disciples were still immature in 'Spiritual Warfare" and Jesus was still training them in that area. They meant with all their hearts the words they spoke to Jesus, but they still needed to be broken in some major areas of their self-confident hearts. The testing of their faith came when the devil attacked them with all his weapons of hell and all the disciples denied Jesus and ran away from their calling.

"Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." <u>Then everyone</u> <u>deserted him and fled</u>' (Mark 14:48-50).

Not too long after this failure the disciples abandoned their calling and went back to their old ways thinking that Jesus had cut them all off. They did not know what God was seeing in their <u>'Hearts ready to be</u> ignited with Holy Fire.'

In their failure the disciples experienced a brokenness in their hearts that could not be done in any other way. Jesus used this failure to 'Crush' the disciple's hearts so that He could make them more like Him, Men on Fire for God! The same thing happened to the <u>Three</u> <u>Hebrews</u> when they were thrown in the <u>Blazing</u> <u>Furnace</u>. It was supernatural!

The Three Hebrews came out of the Blazing Furnace as 'Men on Fire' Dan. 3:24-25

IN THEIR JOUNEY WITH GOD, ALL THE DISCIPLES ARE BROKEN AND READY TO ENTER A NEW LEVEL IN THE SUPERNATURAL!

In John 21:9 that journey begins, "<u>When they</u> <u>landed</u>, <u>they saw a fire of burning coals</u> there with fish on it, and some bread.

JESUS breathes fresh fire into the hearts of His disciples!

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <u>And with that he</u> <u>breathed on them</u> and said, "<u>Receive the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u>" (John 20:20-22).

The 120 disciples are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and baptized in speaking in unknown tongues.

'Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were <u>filled with the Holy Spirit</u>



and <u>began to speak in other</u> <u>tongues</u> as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:2-4

After they were filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized in speaking in unknown tongues, they began preaching the Word of God with Fire! Peter preaches his first sermon and 3,000 get saved and then preaches his second sermon and the Church grows to about 5,000.

Acts 2:41 says, "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about <u>three thousand</u> were added to their number that day."

Acts 4:4 says, "But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed <u>grew to</u> <u>about five thousand</u>.' REVIVAL BROKE AND THE DISCIPLES SHOOK THE WORLD AND TURN IT UPSIDE DOWN!

TODAY GOD NEEDS MEN AND WOMEN ON FIRE FOR THE COMING REVIVAL

Jesus has already paid the price for the salvation of the whole world. Now it is up to the Born-Again Christians; (The Army of the Living God) to go out and proclaim the Gospel to a lost world!

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matt. 28:18-19

This is a commandment to ALL CHRISTIANS! So every Soldier of God should go to his prayer closet daily and seek Him with all his heart so that God can fill him with His power and fire. In the last days that we are living in today the devil has launched out an all out attack of "<u>thick</u> <u>darkness... over the peoples</u>" and we will need the power of the Holy Ghost and His Fire to be able to be victorious in Spiritual Warfare.

Men and women of God filled with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Fire of God flowing from within clean and pure hearts preaching the Word of God.

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands-on sick people, and they will get well." Mark 16:15-18

This was the commandment Jesus gave to the '**Burning** Coals' and they obeyed and went out and God moved through them.

"After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. **Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere,** and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." Mark 16:19-20

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God is calling all of His Soldiers to the prayer closet and to seek Him with clean and pure hearts.