

WORD AT WORK

Creative Miracles I

Dear Friend:

In thirty-two years of writing daily Bible studies, I have always given a new series at least a year, to grow and expand in application before offering it. But the hour is too critical and the world too dangerous for the church to wait for what God is offering as a remedy. In Christ, anything we face can be changed by God's Hand when it moves.

When God wakes you at a specific time, 4:44 AM, and says, "Look up the numbers," you do it! E. W. Bullinger says the number four "...marks that which follows the Revelation of God in the Trinity, namely, His creative works." Twelve is a number that signifies government or the fullness of that which pertains to rule. The question I asked the Lord was, "Are you promising creative miracles to rule our adverse circumstances in the days ahead?"

If we can step into God's creative anointing, then whatever comes our way can be overcome because God will create what we need. Numbers are so arbitrary and numerology so subjective, that I always ask for confirmation before I ever share a numbers-based word from the pulpit! In the middle of January, I got a call from a friend in Amarillo, Texas. He planted winter wheat on 200 acres and just as it was springing up, thousands of Canadian geese landed and stayed for three weeks. They ate the sprouting wheat until a beautiful green field was totally brown because all you could see was raw soil.

They called and the Lord gave me a word, "You and your wife go and stand in the middle of the land parcel and pray Psalm 67 over the 200 acres." Within four days of praying, the field turned green again and new wheat shot up without replanting. I saw the before and after pictures. Now they have 200 acres of winter wheat fertilized by thousands of geese – and are expecting a harvest greater than ever before! They and their neighbors are watching a creative miracle! What looked like a devastating disaster has turned to free fertilizer – a huge blessing. When we step into God's creative realm, peace follows because nothing we face is impossible to God! We can have peace about the economy and our finances, about the nation and the election, about anything that comes. God is greater than any adversity we face. His creative Hand is available!

Yours in Him,

Al Houghton

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Scripture: Genesis 15:1

Genesis 15:1 says, *"After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.'"* Abram was tempted to be afraid, but God's Word came to him saying, "I am with you, I will take care of you and I am your shield. There is nothing for you to fear." Often the Word of the Lord comes at a time when we really need clarifying about what God is about to do. Last year, on December 12 at 4:44 AM, the Lord woke me up saying, "Look up the numbers!" I promptly went up to my library, found E. W. Bullinger's *Numbers in Scripture* and discovered that four primarily signifies the creative, while 12, the date that it came, signifies completion or fullness. I began to assess the meaning of 444. It appeared that the message was God's creative anointing is to be sought for 2012. I hesitate to release prophetic words based on subjective numbers without strong confirmation. The magnitude of a prophetic word requires strong confirmation. When the Lord gives us something in numbers, we should always ask for confirmation.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Scripture: Genesis 15:2-4

Genesis 15:2-4 says, *"But Abram said, 'Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' Then Abram said, 'Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!' And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.'"* Again, the Word of the Lord came to Abram saying, "No steward born in your house will be your heir, but one born from your own body." When the Word of the Lord comes to us, we really need to pay attention because God is offering us information that is crucial for the season we are entering. As I began to look at the numbers, the colon moved and 44:4 came into view. I started to look up every address in Scripture that had a chapter 44 and verse 4. The first one in Genesis I overlooked because I could not find any relevance to it. But the next four could all be connected by the meaning of the numbers in a prophetic thread. Each one supplying a piece of the puzzle that made up more of a whole picture. There is a reason that we take time and pray through the words we get from the Lord. Often times the understanding of what God is saying unfolds over time. While we may not see anything initially, if we continue to prayerfully consider a passage, the Holy Spirit will open our understanding so we have the full picture. When the Word of the Lord comes to us, sometimes we must take time to pray out the full meaning. When we do, it is always worthwhile.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Scripture: Genesis 44:1-4

Genesis 44:1-4 says, *"And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, 'Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack. Also put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth*

of the sack of the youngest, and his grain money.’ So he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. When they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, ‘Get up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, “Why have you repaid evil for good?”’” When I first read this I could not see how the deception that Joseph was using to bring his brothers back was any kind of principle that the Lord would be speaking about for this coming season. But as I waited on the Lord and prayerfully considered this passage, the silver cup and what it represents came into view: *“Why have you repaid evil for good?”* The cup implies the pain and adversity of betrayal. Joseph’s pain was being betrayed and sold into Egypt. Without the betrayal of his brothers, he would not have been positioned to save the family and the nation. The overarching issue that Joseph had to come to terms with was God’s use of betrayal to bring him into his destiny. If God allowed and redeemed it for eternal purpose, then Joseph had to forgive his brothers.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture: Genesis 37:3-10

In Genesis 37:3-10, we find Joseph being the son of his father’s old age, elevated over the others, extremely loved, given gifts and because of the extra favor, his brothers’ jealousy grew to hatred. The dreams compounded the problem because they implied Joseph would be elevated over his parents. God gave Joseph the very things that set him up for betrayal. It was almost as if God gave them so that he would be betrayed. Sometimes the transition from one season to another has a price. We wrestle with the question, *“Why have you repaid evil for good?”* Ultimately, we have to wrestle with and perhaps even forgive God for His part in our adversity. For those who know family betrayal, they know the pain of Joseph’s question. If you have never experienced that level of adversity, then you know Joseph’s agony! You can understand the burning question in Joseph’s heart. You know the pain of it, you know the tears of it and you know the **ag-o-nee-ah** of it. *“Why have you repaid evil for good?”* is an eternal question. It is almost a thumbprint mark of God’s Hand on those He chooses to use in unusual ways. God’s call has a preparational price. The price found Joseph. The price finds us! Can we drink the cup?

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-10

The Apostle Paul found God’s preparational price tag when he was called. Everything he had built up and amassed was suddenly flushed and went down the drain. It was over, done. He had to start all over and rebuild. What was important before was not important anymore and he was reduced to verse 10, *“...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,...”* The price found Paul. Many people in the church today romanticize about ministry and God’s anointing. They do it by not counting the cost. Joseph’s words, *“Why have you repaid evil for good?”* speaks to the preparational pattern and price that every person has to face as we walk with the Lord through the baptism and the cup!

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture: Philippians 2:19-24

Philippians 2:19-24 says, *“But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.”* How is it that after establishing many, many churches, and three lengthy missionary ventures, the Apostle Paul says, “I have only one person I can send you that will not take advantage of you.” What kind of preparation does it take to get us delivered from mammon so that we are afraid to take advantage of anybody by being manipulative? The answer in Paul’s life was that it took the loss of all things. Does it really take the loss of all things for us to qualify? Can we get it some other way? I certainly hope so. If we cannot, this school of the Spirit might be more costly than anyone wants to imagine. The preparational price is stunning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:7-13

In 2 Corinthians 11:7-13, Paul outlined the principle that he agreed to and continued walking in that gave him authority to cut off those counterfeits. He said the essence of it was that he preached the Gospel free of charge. He also implied that the counterfeit could not do that. They have to manipulate in order to pay for what they do because God is not involved in it. Paul drew a very distinct and tough line between the counterfeit and the true and he said the real test is what you do with money and how you raise it. If you are the one raising it, chances are, God is not involved. If God is raising it, chances are, He is involved. If we apply that to ministry today, how many people would get funded and how many would not? If all we had to rely on prayer for our funding, without telling anybody what we need, what would be built and what would not? It is an interesting question. The difference between the true and the counterfeit appears to be supernatural provision.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:12

In 2 Corinthians 12:12 Paul said, *"Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds."* We have several elements to the true apostolic. Perhaps the first one is perseverance, regardless of how things are going. The signs, the wonders, the mighty deeds have to be defined biblically. Perseverance means not quitting in the face of adversity. The next sign is not manipulating people for money but praying in what is needed (Mat. 6:24; Luke 16:13; 2 Cor. 2:17). Paul was setting a standard. It was a standard that emerged from his relationship with God. Paul went to the School of the Spirit! He refused to quit until Christlikeness was established personally. If we follow his pattern, we should finish our race in the power of the Spirit.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:14-18

In verses 14-18 Paul made it clear that the children do not lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. He went on to say what he meant by that. He meant he did not ask his converts to pay for what he was doing. He did not take advantage of any of them in fundraising, nor did any of the people he sent. He even asked the question: *"Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?"* Paul is outlining how you and I can tell the counterfeit from the true. The true have been to the School of the Spirit and graduated with honors, so to speak. They do not have to manipulate for money. The counterfeit have never been to that school, or if they have been, they did not graduate. God has a School of the Spirit and He wants us to graduate from it so that we look like Him!

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Scripture: Acts 20:33,34

In Acts 20:33,34 we are told, *"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me."* It is obvious from Paul's statement that how to tell the counterfeit from the true is how they treated money. Paul graduated from the School of the Spirit. He trusted the Lord to bring what he needed. Is it possible that the standard he lived is both a yardstick by which we judge and a key to the School of the Spirit from which he graduated?

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:1-3

1 Samuel 12:1-3 says, *"Now Samuel said to all Israel: 'Indeed I have heeded your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. And now here is the king, walking before you; and I am old and grayheaded, and look,*

my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my childhood to this day. Here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you.” Samuel prayed and dramatic things happened. The question we ask ourselves is, what is the difference between Samuel’s priesthood and Eli’s? The answer has to be in the School of the Spirit that each graduated from. Samuel was honest. He did not take advantage of anybody. What did Samuel experience that was so offensive to him that he made a choice never to violate financial integrity? Samuel watched Eli and his sons! When Samuel prayed, God intervened and even leaders of cities came to find out if he was coming in peace. How would we like to see that level of the prophetic restored to the church? Following Samuel and Paul’s pattern may well be a key!

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:12-14

In 1 Samuel 2:12-14 we are told that during the priesthood of Eli, his sons were corrupt and they used to accost the worshipers and take whatever they wanted of the meat. The fruit of it in verse 17 was that people abhorred the offering of the Lord. Have we ever sat through an offering that was abhorrent? Then we can understand why there is very little power in many of the churches. God has a preparational price tag that we have to choose to pay in order to walk in that dimension. Samuel paid it, Eli did not. There is the difference. Paul paid it. The Pharisees did not!

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:22-25

We are told in 1 Samuel 2:22-25 that Eli’s sons were so bad in the operation of the Priesthood that God Himself wanted to kill them. This must have made a real impression on Samuel. The Lord even told Samuel that He was going to perform judgment on Eli and on his house and it was such a judgment that all the ears in Israel would tingle. Could this have been what formed the steel in Samuel’s backbone concerning integrity, and become the foundation of the power of his ministry? Samuel learned the fear of the Lord from what God did to Eli and his sons. How will we learn it?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture: Numbers 16:1-3,15

Moses found himself in a war with Korah, Dathan, Abiram and 250 leaders. They all wanted to replace him. He had to pray about whether or not he would finish his race as Israel’s leader. When he prayed in Numbers 16:15 he said, *“Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them.”* ‘God, I have not taken and I have not hurt.’ That sounded very much like Samuel and the Apostle Paul. All three men sounded like they had the same thing in common. When they found themselves in the midst of a war over whether or not they got to continue their ministry, the first thing they appealed to was the biblical integrity of how they conducted their office. “I have not taken, I have not hurt,” states financial integrity. All three men saw dramatic signs, wonders and miracles. Do we have a failure to prepare in this area? In their preparation, Moses and Samuel could have said exactly what Joseph said, *“Why have you repaid evil for good?”* Is there something in this process of learning to overcome evil with good that qualifies us to move God’s Hand? It certainly would appear so.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture: Mark 10:35-37

In Mark 10:35-37 we are told that James and John desire two very high positions in the Kingdom. They wanted to sit on the right and on the left hand of Jesus. That was either selfish ambition *or* a desire to really make a dramatic impact for the Lord. It is very hard to discern which in the initial passage. James and John may still have been in a conflict with Peter over who had the greatest ministry. They were either competing with each other or they had a genuinely good motivation to make a big difference and they desired a position of authority to do so. After looking at

this passage, it makes us reconsider a number of the things we have asked God to do. Every position has a parallel baptism and cup for a preparational price!

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture: Mark 10:38,39

In Mark 10:38, Jesus asked a very penetrating question, *"You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"* It is obvious from this verse that every calling has a preparational price that goes with the qualification for that gifting and calling. When Joseph placed his cup in the sack to be found, even though he did it unjustly, his question goes back to what his older brothers did to him. *"Why have you repaid evil for good?"* Was Jesus saying, *"Do you have any idea the depth of evil you are going to have to overcome to be able to qualify for that calling you seek?"* The chief issue of Joseph's life was, could he overcome the evil associated with his call? Can we?

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Scripture: Mark 10:39,40

James and John may have been a little bit hasty in their response to Jesus because they said, *"We can do it."* Wow. I wonder if they regretted the haste with which they answered. Because immediately Jesus said, *"You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;..."* From that point on it was set in cement. So we would know that this was all about preparation, verse 40 says, *"...but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."* God has a school for everyone who is called to accomplish anything in His Kingdom. It is called a baptism and a cup. The big question surrounding the baptism and the cup is, *"Why have you repaid evil for good?"* With the baptism the betrayal is usually our family and the people we know the best. With the cup, the betrayal is with God Himself. With the cup, we find ourselves asking, *"Why did you not deliver me? Why did you not take me out of this? Why did you leave me in it for so very, very long?"*

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture: Hebrews 6:1,2

Hebrews 6:1,2 states, *"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."* According to verse 2, there is a specific, foundational biblical doctrine of baptisms and the baptisms are *plural*, meaning there is more than one. To be precise, there are seven that we are going to deal with. You may find more, but we are going to deal very specifically with the seven foundational baptisms of fire that qualify us for the fruit of the seven Spirits of God. Each one is essential for growth and development into the fullness of Christ. The one thing we want to ask is that God will finish our preparational season and that He will help us fully cooperate with Him. If we ask for it, seek it and choose to walk it out, we hope to be positioned for the fullness of what God has for us. There are seven distinct baptisms of fire corresponding to the Seven Spirits of God!

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture: Matthew 3:7-11

In Matthew 3:7-11, John the Baptist was speaking about Jesus and he made it very clear that Jesus, in this passage, is a little different than most of us think. Verses 7-11 states, *"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* Verse 11 makes it clear that Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit

and fire. The seven baptisms that we want to look at are seven baptisms of fire that prepare and develop us to come into the fullness of the Seven Spirits of God. Each baptism has a very specific purpose and a very specific fruit. Sometimes it takes years and sometimes God culminates growth and development in a short period of time. Let us trust that He will expedite what needs to be concluded and bring us into the fullness of what He has.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-5

In Revelation 4:1-5, we find a very specific picture of the Throne-Room that bears on each one of these baptisms. We are told in verse 5, *“And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”* Seven lamps of fire, which are the Seven Spirits of God and each one carries a baptism of fire with a specific purpose and corresponding fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture: Luke 4:1,2

Luke 4:1,2 states, *“Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.”* Jesus, as our great High Priest, walked through these baptisms in our behalf and is, in many ways, our best example. The first baptism of fire is the fire of purification and cleansing. Jesus did not need purification or cleansing because there was no sin in Him, but He did need to endure the temptations and the tests and overcome them for us. He did, for forty days, endure the fire of temptation and He overcame. The fire of purification and cleansing is God taking our hand and leading us through the cleansing process where His blood cuts away all failures of the past and makes what was at one time a weakness and failure a platform for our greatest success. His mercy, through the covenant of Sure Mercy, becomes the foundation. As we accept His sacrifice, God accepts His purity and imparts it to us. The fire of purification teaches us to follow the Holy Spirit and be the overcomer that the Lord has called us to be.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture: Luke 4:3,4

The second baptism of fire is the fire of intimacy where we come into communion with the Lord. In Luke 4:3,4 we notice that Jesus was tempted in the intimacy of His identity. *“If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”* Jesus answered from the communion that He had with the Spirit. Each time we endure a baptism of fire and come through it victoriously, we develop and deepen our relationship with God, the fruit that comes, and a more mature resolve toward our personal destiny. The fruit that comes from the fire of intimacy, through communion, releases the spirit of wisdom.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture: Luke 4:9-11,14

The temptations that Jesus endured after the 40 days of fasting and prayer started and ended with the same baptism of fire testing His intimacy. Again, Jesus was tempted by, *“If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.”* Each time, Jesus was tested, He went to the Word as His final authority. Verse 14 shows us the fruit, *“Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.”*

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture: Luke 4:13,14

In Luke 4:13,14 we are told, *"Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all."* Verse 15 made it very clear that Jesus, after the fire of consecration, was commissioned. And the fruit that came forth was the spirit of understanding of the Word and everyone acknowledged it. He taught in their synagogue and He was glorified by all. All of them were stunned and amazed at the understanding that He was demonstrating. That is the fruit of the fire of consecration and commissioning. Just like the fire of intimacy and communion releases a Spirit of wisdom, the fire of purification releases the Spirit of the Lord in a parallel anointing. Each fire has a specific measure of Holy Spirit anointing that it releases in our lives. Jesus walked it out and demonstrated the fullness of the Spirit, which is our goal.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture: Isaiah 1:21-28

In Isaiah 1:21-28, we find that Jerusalem was entering judgment, which reminds us of other countries today who started out with God and departed from Him and are traversing the same path wayward Israel walked. There is a bought-and-paid-for fire that brings refinement. Fire burns away the dross. Reconfiguration is the fruit of removing the dross. The fire of refinement refers to the process of refining metal. Separation of the mixture is the goal and the dross is poured off. Isaiah prophesied to Israel that God would bring such a fire and that He would restore all of their judges. It probably meant remove and replace the judges, but restoration was promised. The fire of refinement always brings a reconfiguration. That is something we can ask for if we can stand in it!

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture: John 21:15-19

Perhaps a great example of this process is the Apostle Peter. He went through the fire and denied Jesus three times. In John 21, Jesus put him on the hot seat and asked him three times if he really loved Him. Peter got frustrated, but he was being reconfigured in humility and knew it. The arrogance of his past, where he could fight about who had the greatest ministry was suddenly gone. It existed no more. Through the fire of refinement, Peter was reconfigured. Perhaps one of the 444 meanings is that this is the year to complete the preparational fires and see the promise of the Spirit come forth. When reconfiguration takes place, a Spirit of Council is released. Because Peter endured a more intense fire and possibly the greatest reconfiguration, he is the one who stood up and defined the Day of Pentecost and what was really happening. He was able to council the people with the Word of God because the Spirit of Council was released in his life. Let us trust by the end of this year we will see the Spirit of Council springing forth in the church!

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture: Galatians 1:15-18

The fifth fire is the fire of protection, which often comes through invisibility. In Galatians 1:15-18, Paul is identifying part of his journey. He said, *"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days."* In verse 17 we are told he did not confer with flesh and blood, he did not go off to Jerusalem, but he went into the invisibility of Arabia, then to the invisibility of Damascus. Then, after the invisibility of another three years, he went up to see Peter and stayed with him for fifteen days. He saw none of the other Apostles. Paul started his ministry with a baptism of protection and invisibility that probably saved his life!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Scripture: John 8:58,59

Another manifestation of the baptism of invisibility is what we see Jesus fulfilling in John 8:58,59. It says, *“Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”* Jesus, when He needed it, was given an anointing to hide Himself. They tried to kill him, but He hid Himself, became invisible and walked right through the midst of them. This is probably going to be one of the most important manifestations of divine protection in the last days. The fruit of the baptism of fire is protection releasing the Spirit of Might. Are we going to see the Spirit of Might in the church in the last days? I believe we will if we choose invisibility!

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Scripture: John 9:1-11

In John 9:1-11, Jesus healed the blind man, but He did it in a very unorthodox and unusual way. He spit on the ground, made clay and spread it in the man’s eyes. He told the man to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The sixth baptism of fire is the fire of guidance with manifestations that often offend people because they are so unusual and out of the ordinary. They leave people saying, “Surely this cannot be God!” This is precisely what happened in the rest of John 9. There is a baptism of fire that comes out of God's guidance where nothing but criticism, complaint and offense arise. But when we choose that fire, the fruit it releases is the Spirit of Knowledge. One of the great manifestations for the last days is going to be a free-flowing Word of Knowledge in ministry with healings and miracles but also in medicine, education law and business, as well as other areas of life.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Scripture: Luke 24:13-32

The final baptism of fire is the fire of judgment and destruction. In Luke 24:13-32, the baptism of fire and judgment brought Jesus to the death on the cross. But when He was resurrected, He came forth with the fullness of authority and the keys to death, hell and the grave. The last and final fire is the one that transports us through flesh and into the Spirit because we have to follow Christ’s footsteps in Hebrews 10:19-22. Jesus paved the way, Peter and Paul had to follow. Can we follow? It was probably the reason why Jesus asked James and John if they could undergo the baptisms He had to go through and whether they could endure it. When they said yes, He said, “OK, you will.” When the seven baptisms are complete, we can resurrect or terminate as needed by the Spirit without fear.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Scripture: Acts 9:8-9

When Jesus intervened and knocked Paul to the ground, He was blind for three days. At the end of those three days, Paul's sight returned and the fruit was he was full of the fear of God. Probably the thing that is needed most in the church today is the fear of the Lord, which truly is the beginning of wisdom. We cannot take the fear of the Lord to the nation until it is first restored to the church. The seventh and final manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit is the fear of the Lord. Once we are reconfigured and it is restored, then we will see a far different harvest. Will we say yes to the baptisms of fire so that judgment and the fear of the Lord may spring forth in full measure? It may be the only hope that nations have in the face of advancing evil. Let us trust the remnant church will pay the price and complete their preparation so that the fullness of the living God can flow through us. 444 is not a fluffy word. It carries a great weightiness to it. The price of creative miracles is burnt flesh.

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