

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

The God Who Answers by Fire

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Let us look at the first Pentecost as recorded in the Old Covenant:

Exodus 19:16 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who [were] in the camp trembled. **17** And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. **18** Now Mount Sinai [was] all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. **19** When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, ***Moses spoke and God answered*** him with thunder.

- **Thunder is the acoustic shockwave created by lightning**
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- **Lightning is 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit and 5 times hotter than the Sun**
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- **The Power from God's voice set the mountain on fire where it is described as burning like a furnace**

Psalm 29:7 NLT - The voice of the LORD strikes with bolts of lightning.

- **Our natural voices manifest in sound waves**
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- **But God's voice manifests in fire...**

Psalm 29:7 NAS -The voice of the LORD hews out flames of fire.

Fire Changes EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES:

- **It turns solids to liquid, Liquid to Vapor**
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- **Darkness to light**
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- **It purges, it purifies, Fire kills germs and destroys biohazards**
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- **It destroys things, and it binds things together to make them stronger**
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- **It tempers steel, it melts steel**
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- **In nature it brings life back to dying forests**
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- **There are certain seeds that need the heat of fire to germinate and produce life**

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- Just like there are promises from God that need the fire of His word to bring them to life

We just looked at the first Pentecost

Now Let us look at the Second Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts:

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 *And there appeared to them tongues as of fire* distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began to speak* with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

- When we are praying in the Spirit: our words are not just sound waves
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- they are waves with purpose and the power of fire
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- And when we speak the word of God with faith and conviction
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- Our words become acoustical shockwaves produced by the lightning of God's word
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- And things are changed

Jesus said:

John 12:49 NLT - I don't speak on my own authority. *The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it.*

- Remember, Jesus also came as our example
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- What the Father did through Him He will also do through us...

John 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, *but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.*

- Whatever the Holy Spirit hears He will speak to us
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- And He will speak to us of Things yet to come
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- This is exactly what was imparted to the disciples on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:3 *And there appeared to them tongues as of fire* distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and ***began to speak*** with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

- If we are going to walk in the fire of the Holy Ghost
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- And we are going to change this world as we are empowered to do
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- We must understand what the Spirit of God is saying and we must say it too
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- We must be able to see what the Father is doing and do it too

Jesus said:

John 5:19..., *"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless [it is] something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.*

There are two very powerful things the word of God reveals that our Father has come to do:

Romans 4:17..., [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

1. He gives life to the dead – *we were dead in our trespasses and sins*
2. He calls into being that which does not exist

Calls:

1. To invite
2. To give a name to

To invite something into existence

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

I am bringing it home now:

Hebrews 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, **2** in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Hebrews 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away [from it.] **2** For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

Hebrews 2:3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Hebrews 2:4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

The God Who answers by fire is speaking -He has not been silent...

He is speaking and things are about to change...