

THE FIRE OF HIS LOVE

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Greetings: It is a great blessing for me to come to you today. I want to welcome you to Dynamic Love Ministries where we are just bringing you the Gospel of God's grace. It is an honor to preach the kingdom of Jesus Christ. It is an honor to have His life inside us and to share in what God has dreamt for humanity from before the world began. God is an awesome, awesome Being and He has come and revealed Himself to us in the deepest possible ways, in our very being. Then He came and manifested Himself Jesus Christ and He is bringing forth what He has always dreamt for us. From His very core, He is bringing forth the life that He has dreamt for us.

PRAYER: Father, I want to thank You for Your grace and Your mercy. I thank You that everyone who hears this message will experience Your peace and Your goodness and Your kindness. I thank You, that by the power of Your Spirit of life, that You speak to the hearts of every person. Thank You that You are speaking to us through the Resurrected Jesus, right now, and revealing the fullness of You in us. Thank You that You have come to save us and give us life!

Speak powerfully through me today, Lord. I just know that we are together in this and that it is You bringing forth Your life through in and through me. Amen

MESSAGE: Today I am going to talk about the fire of God, the day of the vengeance of our God. I am going to link it up with the whole idea of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit of God, with tongues as a fire came upon people.

I'm going to explain the concept of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I think this is very important especially in the here and now. We are thinking of what is going on in the world. We are thinking of so many things that people are seeing with their own eyes. In South Africa, especially, we are thinking of our economy and what we are going through. We are thinking of our electricity problems. We're thinking of the schools opening and some people are for and some are against, the whole thing about the coronavirus. People don't know what to do. Confusion is setting in with some folks. Some people say that it is too soon and others say that it is too late. There are just so many things! But, what do we do in these times? I think, in these times, the best thing to do, as always, is to keep your eyes on the Resurrected Jesus Christ, for life is from and in Him and nothing else! That is where we find our life. That is where we see the victory. It is in Jesus!

You might say, "But, Bertie, I need to know it all before I can do that!" That is a lie! You don't need to know it all! You need to have life from the One that knows it all! You just need to be under His guidance. You just need to be under His life!

So many times, we thought that we need to know it all and the reason why we think we need to know it all is so that we can do it all.... So that we can be the gods of our own lives. We don't always need to know everything! What we need to know is that He knows everything and that we can simply trust and believe upon Him and He will tell us what to do in our hearts.

To give you a good idea, we rent a building where we have our church services. And as from next week, we are allowed to have church again. Everything opened up. I could have now wondered, "What shall I do? Shall I open the church or not open the church?" Some of the people in the church might think it's a good thing and other people might think it's a bad thing. But I never worried about that. The only thing for me was that we want the church open because we want to at least take part in feeding the poor, visiting some people that need prayer and so forth. That was what I was really pressing in my heart because we are not allowed to do that. As a pastor, we are not allowed to visit people, or pray for the sick or if somebody dies the family needs some support. It is just very, very difficult situations. So, they opened up the church and I am very happy for that but now we sit with, "How are we going to do our services?" But I just felt in my heart not to worry about that. I'm just, "In that day, He will tell me what to do."

The way that it worked out is that the place where we rent out the facility is also part of a gym and that only opened in phase one. So, we are not going to have a building open up until phase one which can be next year. I could have worried about this. What about this... what about that? But I just felt that I don't need to know everything. All I need to know is that He knows and I follow what is in my heart. I felt that when the day comes, we will decide what to do and then it was kind of decided for us. So, we are continuing with the Zoom Church and we are very happy with that! Glory to God! I found that we are reaching two or three times more people that way anyway. But I do believe in gathering together. It is a very good thing and I wish it could go back to normal but that is what will be for us. Other people have different things to deal with. The point that I want to make is: Follow what God puts in your heart. You don't need to know it all. He knows it all and you just believe Him. Glory to God

We are going to look at the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And they were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this (happened) was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and (They wanted to know what was going on) were confounded, because that every man heard (the Gospel in their very own language) them speak in his own language.

I never saw it like this, but my mind went there. It actually talks about in the Old Testament, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in different things, but I like to think of this also as in what happened in Exodus 20:18. When Moses came to the mountain, the Bible says that there was a mighty thundering and lightnings and all those kinds of things. One of the words there, the word, thundering, means voices. I find in some Rabbinical commentaries that some of the Rabbi said that the word, voices, there meant that when God came down and gave the law to the people, that the voices were 70 different languages in which it was given. Now, that cannot be proven. It is just some Rabbinical commentaries on this and what some of the old rabbis would say and what they believed about that, which would also be part of oral tradition and what people would say about what took place there. , what actually took place is that God didn't just want this just for the Jews. He was saying this in different languages for it was for all people which we see here take place in Acts chapter 2.

In the second chapter of Acts, the Holy Spirit comes down. It's like God coming down onto the mountain to give the law. But what law being given here? The law that is being given here is the law of life in Christ Jesus. It is the Gospel of the rule of Jesus Christ over this earth. Wherein, and as I said in the introduction part of his message, where we don't have to know everything. Where He knows everything and where He rules and reigns and gives us life by the Holy Spirit, and just brings forth who He is inside us. Scripture even says that we know in part but in that day we shall fully know. So, as we know in part, we trust and rely and believe upon Him. He knows what He is doing and He's bringing forth life.

If we go and read in Acts, it clearly says there that the people were very afraid. And then Moses said to them, "Don't be afraid of the thundering and the voices. This is not God wanting to kill you. It's God wanting to purify you so that you will not sin. So, what Moses understood in this whole thing about the fire that came down and was burning and the different voices, the different languages in which the law was given, was that it was to bring forth life to people. It was not to take away life. It was to give life. And so many times when we think of fire, we think of fire as that which destroys. We think of fire as that which is going to punish. But in the meantime, that is not what God wants to do. The Jews looked at the fire that was coming down and they thought it was punishment. They thought that they were going to die. But what Moses was saying is that this fire is not here to kill you. This fire is here to give you life but the fire will kill something. What the fire will kill is the power unto sin and death. We already see that in Exodus.

What is so beautiful is that when we see Jesus, inside Jesus, we understand all things. The Resurrected Christ comes and gives definition to everything. In Him we know all things! In Him, from Him, every understanding of Scripture is contained. So, as we look at the Resurrected Jesus and how He poured out His life, we understand Exodus and we see that God didn't want to come and punish people. He wanted to come and be good to people. We can conclude that the God of the Old Testament is a very good God and He spoke to people in different ways, in different manners. And in these last days, after He had taken away all of our sins, He's speaking to us through the Resurrected Jesus and our theology starts with Him.

As we look through the lens of the Resurrected Jesus or in the light of His light, which is the light of the glorified Human Being, we see light. We understand. We can conclude what Scripture is truly saying. We can just conclude this: GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOOD! HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LOVING. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN CARING!

So, we find in Exodus 20:18, the fire came down onto the mountain. God wanted to come and bring forth something that can purify people so that they will not sin. They said, "No, no! We don't want to hear what God is saying to us! You just give us laws and Commandments. We will just do it, in other words, from our own life we will do the right thing and have life. But we don't want to go close to that voice. We don't want to go close to that fire." You are going to see that the Jews said it back then and then, in the time of Jesus in Luke 4, they said the very same thing and followed the very same pattern to their own destruction, not entering into the promised land.

We have seen, in Acts chapter 2, the Holy Spirit was poured out. I think it talks about the Day of Jubilee. It also talks about the end of the harvest. The harvest is right now. We are harvesting what God has come to give us and we are gratefully receiving this Jubilee that God has brought to us.

I want to go to Luke 4 and look at one of Jesus' first messages that He preached according to Luke. This is very powerful! Remember, we are talking about the vengeance of God, the outpouring of the fire of God. This fire is not to kill us but this fire is to keep us from the power of sin in the flesh so that we can have eternal life.

Luke 4, this was just after Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert. He then went out into one of His hometowns, one of the villages there, and as His custom was, He went to the synagogue to read. And this is what happened:

Luke 4:

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Then, it's not recorded there, but if you read Isaiah 61, it says, "The day of the vengeance of our God." Some people say that Jesus cleverly stopped there and didn't include that and then added reasons... the reason was is because it is not the day of the vengeance of our God. The day of vengeance is coming and all those who are disobedient, God is going to punish them and basically serve them into hell and then take this day of vengeance and connect it to an end time outpouring of anger.

You are reading things into the text that is not there. That is just speculation. It is not really so! It is like reasoning from silence and we all know that is a logical fallacy. You cannot reason from silence. That means that if somebody didn't say something, you cannot come to conclusions on why he didn't say something. If something is not there, you cannot use that as a proof for something else.

I would say that the scripture states here that He opened the place where it was written and then Luke quoted a piece there. But it simply meant, it is a different way of saying, that He opened Isaiah 61. And then it says,

Luke 4:

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Now, that is an amazing thing that is mentioned here in Luke! In other words, when He quoted that passage in Isaiah 61, all of a sudden, they say, "He cannot be the one. This is Joseph's son. He cannot be the one!"

When Jesus read that passage, He basically said that in your hearing today, this is fulfilled!" And they didn't want to hear that!

23 And he said unto them, You will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. There's some beautiful detail in there which we will look at.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. He is talking about a Syrian here and he's talking about a Sodomite here. So, what is He saying to them? He says, "Listen, I just want to tell you that this scripture, Isaiah 61, which talks about the day of the vengeance of our God, which would come and comfort the people of God, is fulfilled in your ears. But I want to say something to you: You have already now expressed that this scripture is not fulfilled in your ears and that I am NOT the Messiah. But, let Me tell you something: As you understand this scripture, in the light of it is the vengeance of God where God has basically sent to Israel to take vengeance on the nation that is oppressing Israel, I want to tell you something in the light of that: The prophet was not sent to Israel but he was actually sent to a widow that was not a Jew, as well also Naaman who was

not a Jew.” And after they heard this, it was such blasphemy to them that the scripture says that they wanted to kill Jesus.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

They wanted to murder him! So, what was said there was so powerful that they thought that this man must be murdered. So, what did Jesus actually say there? He was basically saying to them that the oppressor is not the Gentiles but that the Pharisees and the Sadducees and their understanding of the law was the true oppressor. They were bringing the oppression. Then he said, “As Isaiah 61 is fulfilled in their hearing”, meaning that the day of the Lord, the Day of the vengeance of God, has now started wherein that which and those which oppressed, will be burned up. The Day of vengeance is coming forth and oil of joy is going to be breaking forth, the oppressed are going to go free and all those things. But it is said in the context of that the Prophet didn’t come to the people of God, the “Jews”, but to the Gentiles, actually making the Jews the oppressed. Now some will say that this is anti-Semitic. You might be so angry hearing this, that you would want to be filled with wrath and take me to the edge of a cliff and throw me down. I hope you hear what I am saying there.

I am going to explain to you why I say this is the day of the Vengeance of our God. We are talking about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the day of Pentecost, praying in other tongues. Remember, Acts chapter 2, the Holy Spirit was poured out and they prayed in different languages because this message was for all nations. Exodus 20, they heard voices or different languages, the Gospel or the Law System. The Jews were supposed to be a light to the Gentiles and then they weren’t! We find that Isaiah is prophesying to the deliverance of God’s people. This is what he says:

Isaiah 61:

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Then he explains what this means:

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; (for the purpose of comforting all who mourn) **to comfort all that mourn;**

The day of the vengeance of our God is to comfort all who mourn and :**3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.**

When we look at the day of vengeance in verse 2, the cross-reference to that, and where that language comes from, is from Isaiah 34:8. Now, when we read Isaiah 34:8, it is in the context of God warning the nations. Let me explain to you what happened there.

As you read Isaiah 34:1, this is talking about the Israelites being in exile under the power of different nations. He is saying to the different nations, "Nations, I want to tell you this. My people are under your power at the moment but My sword is forged in heaven and will come down on all of you and it will cut you down and the earth will drink your blood and I will destroy you and My people shall go free." That day, that God has prophesied, that will take place in delivering Israel from Babylonian exile, it is called in verse 8, the Day of the Lord, the Vengeance and the year of recompense for the controversy of Zion.

So, where we get the whole idea of the Day of the Vengeance of God, is in the context of Babylonian exile, where the Jews were oppressed. God declares that He will set the people free, give them back their land and bring joy to them again and He calls that the Day of the Vengeance of God. Jesus comes, in Luke, and after He has been tempted by the devil, walks into the synagogue, reads Isaiah 61, which all the Jews are waiting for. They were waiting for this whole thing of God coming, bringing good news to the captives. because the Jews believe that they were the captive.... The oil of joy for mourning because they believed that they were mourning under the oppression of Rome... Heal the broken... they believed that their hearts are broken because we are not ruling as God has promised the Jews were supposed to rule. So, they saw the Day of Vengeance is when God is going to come in with a vengeance and destroy the power of the nations and bring freedom to the Jews.

Jesus comes and He says, "That scripture is fulfilled in our hearing... in the hearing of those people." That is the day of the vengeance of our God and now we are going into Malachi.

Malachi 4:

1 For, behold, the day cometh (This day of the vengeance of God), ***that shall burn as an oven...***

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness will arise with healing in his wings...

He will burn up the chaff. He will clean the threshing floor. And He will bring joy to His people. We can see that is battle language. It is all about a day of battle. It's a day of vengeance and the purpose of this would be to comfort God's people. He is saying that the Spirit of the Lord God is upon Jesus to proclaim Good News for the captive. (The Jews thought that they were the captives.)

Isaiah 61:

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 to proclaim the year of the lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God' to comfort all who mourn;

3 To heal the broken hearted freedom for those that are in prison... to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. (The acceptable year of the Lord was understood by the Jews as the day where God comes and makes battle with those who oppress the Jews.)

It's called the Day of the Vengeance of our God and the purpose of vengeance is to comfort all who mourn. They were mourning. They were saying, "We are oppressed!" So that Day of Vengeance would be a day of destruction of the oppressor as well as a Day of Comfort for those who are oppressed. And Jesus comes and says, "Listen, that day is fulfilled in your hearing!" Then they basically said, "Can this be the Messiah? This Joseph, the carpenter's son? It cannot be! We are already rejecting him." And then He said to them, "Let Me tell you something. I have basically been sent to the non-Jew which can also include you because you are also oppressed. But the oppressor was, all of a sudden, not a person anymore but a System... and the System that said, "You are saved by the flesh or you have power by the flesh. It's about who is your Father? Is Abraham your Father or is he not?" And now He's come in with a vengeance. He's going to clean His threshing floor. He's coming in with an unquenchable fire and He is going to chop down every tree that cannot produce fruit and He is going to chop down the chaff in which the seed was kept. (We all know that the chaff is that which is around the seed. If you just look at barley, the chaff is around the seed and when the seed falls out there is no need for the chaff and the Seed, which is Jesus, was now brought forth. There is no need for the chaff which is the legalistic, old Jewish System, where identity was found in the flesh, in if you are a child of Abraham or not.

So what God was doing and He was saying in Jesus, "Let me tell you something. I've been sent to the Gentiles and what I am doing now is the chaff... that which kept the Word from the beginning." (I am now talking about the Jewish System here.) that is now burnt away so I am ending this whole thing about Jew and Gentile and I have now come to bring life to those who are oppressed." Jesus defines oppression as oppressed by death and sin. And He is burning up that old system. That is called the Day of the Vengeance of our God and the purpose is comfort.

We can go and look at **Isaiah 40** as well.

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

If you read that in **Isaiah 61:7**, in its context, it means, "Double for all the shame that she has suffered and the sins that were committed towards her. She received double. She received blessing now for all the harm that was basically done to her."

And here we see that comfort is connected to an end of war. So, the Jews were in a battle. "We are being oppressed. We are going through difficult times. That's what we are under. We need freedom! We need the Messiah! We need the Messiah to come!" Then Jesus said, "I'm the Messiah. Today is the Day of the Vengeance of our God." They said, "We cannot accept Him!" He said, "Well, let me tell you something. I actually didn't come just for you as you think. I've come for those who you think is worth nothing. I've come to actually end what is true oppression!"

The Jews, in John 8, were saying, "We are not the slaves of any man!" And Jesus said to them, "If you commit a sin, you are a slave of sin. You'll know the truth and the truth shall set you free." When it talks about the true freedom, He is talking about His vengeance and His vengeance is on death itself.

Hosea 13: This talks about God taking vengeance on what kills people.

12 *The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid.*

13 *The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children.*

14 *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.*

God is saying that Ephraim is staying at the place of birth. He is likening it to a child that's being born. It is talking about his own people. They are staying in the birth canal too long. The Message translation says that Ephraim or his people were too stupid to be born and they are going to die in the birth canal. He says that maybe they will die in the birth canal but I shall raise them up. As Israel was so stuck in the law and basically died in the birth canal when Jesus was coming saying to them, "I've come to give you life!" He will raise Israel up again. He will also give life to the Jews as He gives life to the Gentiles. God's battle is against and what His war is against is death itself. This is what He is saying:

Hosea 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

What is God saying? What is this whole thing about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the praying in other tongues, all about? I want to tell you that the day of Pentecost is not about praying in tongues. It's not what it is about. It's not about the gifts of the Spirit. That's not what it is about. That is a side issue. That is part of the gifts that came upon us and the breaking in of the New Kingdom. And the praying in tongues in Acts had much more to do with speaking in different languages, that in that unknown tongue or the tongues of angels or that kind of thing. It had everything to do with preaching the gospel to all tribes, tongues, and nations, saying that the kingdom of God is now entered into this world, that his Christ is ruling and reigning and that this is for all people. That the tree of having Abraham as your father plus the tree of pagan idol worship is now chopped off. Every tree is chopped off! That is the tree of, "We are the people of God as Jews plus the trees of idol worship."

We find Paul in the Areopagus, defending the gospel so beautifully and he's chopping down every tree. He's saying, "Look at all these idols. God allowed, in your blindness, to worship this way but He's never left Himself without testimony. He's blessed you with rain. He's blessed you with everything in those times but now He has come and He has shown you the truth. He's raised Jesus from the dead. Since He's raised Him from the dead, He has given testimony that the judgment is by Him... his King, his Ruler, his Lord. Paul was saying that in the Areopagus and he was saying it in defense of the gospel."

He was saying, "Listen, every tree is chopped down. The heathen, idol worship, pagan idol worship, way of trying to find a way to God through, all these idols plus the Jewish way where they thought the tree of life, was being a true descendant of Abraham, was being chopped out. And the fire of God is burning it up and He is saying, "That system shall never be a system of life. I give life to whomsoever I want and I have decided to give it to everybody free from law system... free from ethnicity. It is just to everyone! This is the qualifying factor for salvation: What do you need to have to be saved... sin. What needs to be in you to qualify for a doctor? You need to be sick. That's what you need. What qualifies you for eternal life and to be saved from death is death. You need sin, death. You need to be oppressed. You need to be under bondage. So, if you are under bondage, Jesus is for you and that is what He said He decided. He has predetermined and predestined to save those that are under oppression. Not as what we would make up our own minds...certain people groups and certain laws and systems but the mercy and the kindness of God expressed to all people. That is what God has predetermined.

So, when we talk about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it was when God came and poured out the Spirit of life, the very force that gives God life, when He poured that out on all flesh. All flesh talks about He is pouring it out on Jew and Gentile saying that His message, which is the message of Isaiah 61, which is the Day of the Vengeance of our God, is burning. That fire was kindled and it cannot stop. If you find a dry forest, a forest that has no life in it, and you've kindled a little fire and put a wind behind that, there is no fire brigade in the world that can stop that. All they do is try to manage where it burns but they cannot kill the fire. You need rain or it needs to run to the ocean and die there. As long as there is fuel for it, you cannot stop it. That is what the Bible talks about an unquenchable fire. The unquenchable fire, that was started, was started in Jesus! It was started when He said, "I want to tell you that today is the day of the vengeance of our God." **Malachi 4** says that.

I know I am repeating myself a little bit but let us just go there quickly.

1 For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven (This is the day of the vengeance of our God; **and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble** (Who were the proud? The Jews were so proud. "We are the people of God!" And so were some Gentile people had to have the same kind of a thing: "We are so proud! We can be saved by worshipping these idols and we have a drive to make a god, etc."): **and all that do wickedly** (What is wickedly? Wickedly is to think you can be saved by your works and not be saved as a free gift. That is wickedly.)... **they shall be stubble the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.**

2 But to you that fear my name (What is the name of Jesus, what does it mean? Jesus means God saves, God the Savior. Jesus the Savior. He shall save His people from their sin. **But to you that fear my name shall the Sun** (The fire) **of righteousness** (The day. when the day dawns and you find the heat of that sun that is upon you, He says that sun, the Sun of Righteousness which is Jesus and what He has come to do), **shall arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.**

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet (John the Baptist) before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Why is it a great and dreadful day of the Lord? It's a dreadful day for those who were doing wicked things. And what was wickedness? It was those who were proud thinking, boasting, in their flesh. So, when Jesus said, "This day, in your hearing, is this fulfilled, they knew it was a day of the vengeance of our God. They knew it was a day when God has come to burn up all that is wicked. Then He said to them, "Let Me tell you this message, this day of vengeance basically came for those who are oppressed. Who were the people that were oppressed? He was naming a leper as well as a widow. Both of them were Gentiles. So, what was it saying? It was saying, "Jews, I want to tell you this very thing. It's what was taking place in Matthew 3. John. The Baptist is preaching.

Matthew 3:

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

What is he saying? He is saying that these Pharisees and Sadducees are the people that need to repent. They're in wickedness.

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which cannot bring forth good fruit (Another way of saying it is: every belief system that cannot produce eternal life) is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that comes after me is mightier than I (He is saying, "I cannot stop the Jewish System. I cannot stop what you are doing but let me tell you that the One that is coming after me is mightier than me.) whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire (That means that He will bring forth a Spirit of life and that Spirit of life will be the system whereby every other system is destroyed.)

So, I want to say it this way is practical for us today, very practical: Let every government that thinks that they can govern the world to life: No! You are wicked! You shall be destroyed! You don't possess the wisdom to bring life to people. You need to bow your knee before Jesus Christ. If you will not do it, you will find in the end, and it can be thousands of years, I don't care, but in the end the only rulership is the rulership from where God comes and by His Holy Spirit, brings life to people, brings it in them.

Let every person that is in government, let every person that runs anything where he is a ruler or even where he governs his own life, submit himself to the fact that Jesus has conquered death and that He says that He will, through His doing, bring life to you. Believe upon that. Hope upon that. Declare Him as your Lord and then have a life born from that, from where you will, in your government position or wherever you are, have a life born from Him. But, if you should want to do anything outside of the life of Jesus, I want to tell you that it is not going to work! Business men that want to run their businesses without God, I want to tell you that at the end of the day, it is not going to work! It will end.

I am not impressed by some that work for three years and not work anymore, that shows the exact thing that a man can do... the flower of man's glory or man's glory is like the flower of the fields, today and tomorrow it is gone. I'm not impressed by that. What I'm impressed by is eternal life, shining with eternal glory like the glory of Jesus Himself.

John says in Matthew 3 that He has come and He will burn like an oven, burning it all away. Then we think of the woman with the issue of blood. What did she say? She said, "If I could just touch the hem of His garment!" The hem of His garment is taken from the passage in Malachi 4 where it says that there is healing in His wings. The healing in the wings talks about the tassels, the hem of the garment. And the woman knew that today is the day of the vengeance of our God and she understood it. She said, "Well, the law declares me as someone who is an outcast that doesn't qualify. But, today is the day of the vengeance of our God and God takes vengeance on my sickness plus He takes vengeance on the system that calls me an outcast and not clean. He takes vengeance on this whole thing of me being unclean!" She knew that the man Jesus was the fulfillment of Malachi 4. She was crawling among the people and then she touched the hem of His garment and that is how the scripture declares the fulfillment of Malachi 4... the Day of the Vengeance of our God, a fire that was kindled! Jesus even says, "I want to kindle the fire and how I wish it was already kindled!"

The fire that was kindled is the outpouring of His life! And when we think of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit what are we saying? We are saying that we believe upon Jesus and we are filled with the life that was brought forth in the resurrection of Jesus. And the Spirit of God, the life of God, falls on my flesh and from there we have the gifts of healing, we can speak in other tongues, we can have knowledge and wisdom and every gift that is mentioned in the Bible. But that is not the goal. The goal is not the gifts. The goal is the eternal life that comes from God and from His source of life, He brings forth life to us... and there is no end to this! We are part of a kingdom that cannot end. Friend, we are part of eternal life! In Him we know all things. In Him we live and move and have our being in Jesus, in the Resurrected Christ. That is the life that He has promised us.

So I want to say to you that when you believed upon Jesus and you know that He has been raised from the dead, what we open ourselves to is to know that as we believe upon that, the power of the Resurrection will start to work in us. You can go and read Ephesians 1:17 to the end of the chapter. It starts to work in us and bring forth His life in us. That is a consuming fire!

To those that are against it, it is a fire of destruction, the stench of death. But to us who are being saved, it's a beautiful fragrance to God. So, this very same fire is a terrible day of the Lord. It is very terrible if you want any other system.

I see the political group standing up trying to end the Church. Oh, my goodness! And I've seen it in different countries where the whole thing is, "How stupid is the Church of Jesus!" Let me tell you something: There is a terrible day for whatsoever is against the Church and wants to close the Church! **You** shall be closed and the Church will have no effort to try and make itself stand. We don't have to fight for ourselves! We have eternal life in Christ. We stand. The Church stands! That's why, to me, my hope is in no political party. I don't throw my weight in with any political party. I might vote for one. This is the way I do it. When election time comes, because each one of them are liars, each one of them exaggerate, each one of them have some wickedness somewhere in them, I pray, "God, which of these ten devils should I choose!" We cannot make them our salvation. But I will vote and if I feel that I don't want to vote, I don't vote. Let people say whatever they want about that. I am NOT saved by my vote. I'm saved because I have received eternal life. His life is in me.

My wisdom is from Him on how to treat my wife, how to treat my children, how to run my business. In Him, I find that there is so much life! Even if I don't know what to do, life will still manifest! It is something that comes from Him. We're standing under His rulership. We're standing under His power. You know, maybe we don't understand everything but the fact that we don't understand everything doesn't mean that God doesn't care for us. I look at my kids. When they were small, they didn't understand everything on how I do things. They were still under my rulership. When they went to school, they came home to my house. I care for them and they grew up and now they understand much more. And in their understanding, I see more fruit but I'm not going to care for them according to their understanding. I'm their father! So, yes, maybe you don't understand everything. Maybe we don't know all the scriptures and understand how everything is put together. But, Church, we are under the fire and the baptism of the Spirit of life and that is where we stand!

My hope is not in any Police Department. My hope is not in any of those things. My hope is only in the Resurrection power of Jesus Christ! Let this be a warning to anybody, that anything, that says, "We stand against the Church of Jesus Christ!" You'll end up where Paul ended up. "Who are You, Lord?" "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting!" And what happened to Paul? He believed in Jesus. What happened to the other systems that tried to oppress the Church? They are long gone! We are part of something that cannot end. We cannot be saved by our works. We are saved by the life of God! Acts 2 and the day of Pentecost which we are celebrating today and which we think upon is when the Spirit of God was poured out. The very life, that brings this immortal life, was poured out on all flesh! A fire was kindled that cannot end and we are enjoying being burnt by that fire, purified to a holy life.

This is beautiful! **Isaiah 61**: We are burnt with the good tidings. We are burnt, we are consumed by our hearts being healed, by liberty coming our way. We are consumed with deliverance. We are consumed with beauty for ashes. We are consumed with the oil of joy and the garment of praise. We are consumed with our heavy burdens being lifted off us. We are consumed by being called the righteousness of God! Hallelujah! Glory to God! Amen and amen!

Father, thank You so much that we can just say that You are God and You have baptized this world with fire and Your fire is burning and we are consumed with Your life! Thank You for the Resurrected Jesus that is a fire from the loins up and fire from the loins down! Thank You that this is the Day of the Vengeance of our God and we are enjoying Your vengeance! As You take vengeance on our fears, as you are taking vengeance on death, as You are taking vengeance on what oppresses Your people, as You are taking vengeance on belief systems that say, "Oh, what will happen to us because the government is corrupt!" You are taking vengeance on all those fears and You are bringing life to us!

You are taking vengeance on the grave itself and You are giving us life! You are taking vengeance on, "What if I get the coronavirus?" You will take vengeance on all of that! Thank You Lord that You have come to give us life and fulfill Your promise on us that was from before the world began. We rest in You! Thank You, God! Thank You, Lord!

The Bible says that out of your hand come lightning like shafts of fire! And that is the hiding place of Your power. Out of your hands, as I stretch forth my hands, I am thinking of what You have said: "Out of your hands come lightning like shafts of fire! We know that lightning like shafts of fire is the voices, the languages of the Gospel of peace, consuming the adversary, bringing life and deliverance and freedom to every person! And we are saying that Your hand is upon us!

And as I stretch form my hands, I say, "You are healed! The hiding place of Your power is in Your work, your hand, which is the work done by Jesus, the work of the Father when You raised Jesus from the dead. We stand in Your work and we are free. I declare you are free. You are healed. Signs, wonders and miracles start to take place as you are baptized in the Spirit of life, you are healed today, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen!