

Fresh Fire and New Beginnings

Text: John 12:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

Introduction: God's Word reveals a powerful law of transformation that from death came New Life. Jesus' Death became the doorway of New Life to all that believe.

Farmers know the need for a controlled burn of a field or woods is critical for the New Beginning of New Growth. Likewise, today we will experience the end of dead things in our lives to give way for the New Beginnings God has planned for each of us.

1. His Fire
2. Your work

1. His Fire – The fire that shakes everything and consumes all so that His Kingdom stands!

Hebrews 12:25 NLT *Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!* ²⁶ *When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also."* ²⁷ ***This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.*** ²⁸ *Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.* ²⁹ ***For our God is a devouring fire.***

Malachi 3:2 (NKJV) *But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.*

- God's fire on Mount Carmel for Elijah – 1 Kings 18:38
- Baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire

Matthew 3:11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:* ¹² *Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

God's fire is not our enemy. It is the necessary agent for His transformation. It is Holy. It is good!

2. Your works – Fire that tests our building.

1 Corinthians 3:10 *According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. ¹¹For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; ¹³**Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire***

shall try every man's work of what sort it is. ¹⁴If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. ¹⁶Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? ¹⁷If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. ¹⁸Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. ²⁰And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

- **Use the small pencil and write on the card the areas that are dead works, undergrowth of distractions, attitudes and behaviors that must be removed from your life.**
 - **Endless scrolling**
 - **Grudges, bitterness, unforgiveness**
 - **Pride in our self**
 - **Worry or fears**
 - **Sinful habits**

Take 2 minutes and ask God to reveal that which must be burned.

As we light this fire together both that which we wrote and what we wrote with is –

GONE FOREVER IN JESUS' NAME!

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Hebrews 10:16 *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; ¹⁷And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes, Sacrifices, and Offerings –

- **Name your seed! Call forth with your seed that which He has put in your heart to manifest!**

Malachi 3:3 *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness. ----¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. ¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.*