

Knowing Him Together Ministry

Flaming Servants

Hebrews 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 In speaking of the angels he says, "**He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire**."

Revelation 2:1 "To the **angel** of the church of Ephesus write, Revelation 2:8 "And to the **angel** of the church in Smyrna write, Revelation 2:12 "And to the **angel** of the church in Pergamos write, Revelation 2:18 "And to the **angel** of the church in Thyatira write, Revelation 3:1 "And to the **angel** of the church in Sardis write, Revelation 3:7 "And to the **angel** of the church in Philadelphia write, Revelation 3:14 "And to the **angel** of the church of the Laodiceans write,

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all **ministering spirits**, **sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation**?

From these three passages of Scripture we learn some very important truths:

- 1. Angels carry the flame of God's presence, power, and influence into the earth.
- 2. Those who lead the local Church's do so backed by the ministry of Angels.
- 3. Angel's of fire make ministers of fire.
- 4. Those who minister do so as they are given revelation of the purposes of God in the earth, and this revelation comes from Angels of His presence, as those who minister in the very fiery presence of God. These Angels of fire create Ministers of fire, who bring the fire of God into the earth.

Therefore, every true minister of God will be known to be so as they bring forth the fiery revelation of Jesus Christ into the earth, who is Himself the very Fire of God.

Exodus 3: 2And **the Angel of the Lord** (*None other than the Lord Jesus*) appeared to him **in a flame of fire** from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

When Jesus is seen transmitting His fire through His fiery angels on earth, then the prayer and prophesy of Jesus will be fulfilled:

Luke 12:49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 "But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! 51 "Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. 52 "For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 "Father will be divided against son and son against

father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

From this passage we learn some important keys to true ministry:

- 1. Jesus looked forward to the day where His fire would be released on the earth.
- 2. That fire necessitated He pass through the baptism of the cross first.
- 3. All those who would enter into the ministry of fire, must themselves bear their cross, and enter the ministry of fire through the death of self.
- 4. That baptism accomplished, He was free to release His fiery angels to stand behind and empower His ministers of fire.
- 5. The ministry these fiery ministers would bring, would be a ministry of Offense, evidenced by dividing those who love the truth from those who are complacent, passive, docile, false peacemakers, tolerant, and those who say they stand with truth but actually oppose it.

Therefore, the ministry these ministers of fire bring forth is a ministry of offense that causes division wherever they go, as the fire of God's presence, like flames coursing through a dry forest, divides the living from the dead. They bring forth the Word of the Lord, like a flame of fire, that cuts through and divides error from truth, carnality from godliness, and deception from revelation.

Every minister is to be connected to the fire of God's presence, via angels of fire who stand in the very presence of God, whose job is to transmit the Word of the Lord and create a powerful force in the earth.

Psalm 29:7 The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

In this Psalm David tells us that the voice, or Word, of the Lord is a powerful flame that causes tremendous effects in the earth. Notice the effects of this fire:

- 1. Vs.3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The God of glory **thunders**; The Lord is over many waters.
- 2. Vs.4 The voice of the Lord is **powerful**; The voice of the Lord is **full of majesty**.
- 3. Vs.5 The voice of the Lord **breaks the cedars**, Yes, the Lord **splinters the cedars** of Lebanon.
- 4. Vs.6 He makes them also **skip** like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 5. Vs.7 The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.
- 6. Vs.8 The voice of the Lord **shakes the wilderness**; The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
- 7. Vs.9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

When God's ministers step up to their calling of bringing forth the Word of the Lord, as flames of fire from the Presence of God, and stop worrying about whether their words will cause divisions, then the divisions they will bring will cause truth to take hold in the earth, and powerful effects will be seen in the lives of God's saints. As long as we resist our calling to be ministers of fire we will hinder Jesus' prophetic desire and fail to be true

servants of the Lord.

While the offense we bring is not to be an offense, born from carnality and a desire to be offensive, but rather an offense due to standing with the truth of God's Word and sending forth, as flames of fire, the Word of the Lord to divide and burn up the chaff of human wisdom, human ambition, pride, the sectarian nature, and the will of man.

It is time we rise to and accept the call to be His flames of fire in the earth, resist the urge to build our own kingdoms, no longer seek the approvals of man, nor seek to gain reputations for ourselves, but come forth as those whose entire lives are set on fire with the fire of Christ, and live to reveal the Flaming One to the earth. As a coal, in the midst of the fire merely represents the flame that kindles it, so ministers of fire do not bring their own strange fire, but merely transmit the fire that animates them.

Nadab and Abihu failed at just this point. They sought to bring forth their own fire, missed their calling as ministers of the fire of God, brought forth a strange fire, and God judged them instantly.

Leviticus 10:0:1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. 2 And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the Lord spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored." So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

We learn such important truths from this passage, that should have hindered the Church, over the last 1850 years, after the death of the original apostles, from bringing forth the traditions of men, which hinder the Word of God, but alas, the will of man has all too often prevailed.

- 1. Strange fire is any fire that men bring forth outside of the direction of the Lord.
- 2. Strange fire represents the will of man over the will of God.
- 3. Strange fire steals from the glory of His presence and brings forth and magnifies the presence of man and his will.
- 4. Strange fire magnifies man and fails the holiness of God.
- 5. Strange fire honors man before the people, and fails to honor God.
- 6. Fire from God's presence ultimately deals with the strange fire of man's will, agenda, and glory.

This is a day where God is judging the strange fire of ministers throughout the earth, who seek to magnify "their ministry," "their agenda," "their will." This is a day where God is calling forth His flames of fire, to move throughout the earth, dividing the wheat from the chaff, and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire. God will have ministers who are no longer afraid of the faces of men, and who are willing to speak forth the dividing Word of God, because they seek but one thing - the glory of God, the lifting up of Jesus, a singular eye for the Lord Jesus Himself.

Hebrews 4: 12 For **the word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to **the division** of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

It is time for the ministers of fire to come forth and allow the Lord to send them forth by the winds of His Spirit. As Jesus told Nicodemus, those who are led by the Spirit are like the wind. You don't know where they come from or where they go, but rather than be carried about by the will of man, they are carried about by the wind of the Spirit. As fire moves through a forest by the empowerment of the wind, so His flames of fire must learn to be born about by the wind of the Spirit and completely reject the wind of man's agenda and will. These alone will become the ministers of fire He desires. We must give an account to the Fiery One, who stands in the midst of heavens coals of fire. If we fail to arise to our calling of being ministers of fire then inevitably we will bring forth a strange fire. May God deliver us from such carnality and cause us to arise to our true calling.

I close with Isaiah's compelling prophesy:

Isaiah 6:6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said. "Here am I! Send me."

Those sent are forever marked by the living coal - flames of fire in the earth.