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Fire from the LORD, is indicative of the overwhelming glory of GOD which is beyond the scope of men to even imagine. HE is that ONE *“Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.”* No man can see HIM, until HE is pleased to reveal HIMSELF. *“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”* Though HE is not defined by “the fire”, yet HE is pleased to manifest HIS glory in that fashion, even as HE has revealed HIMSELF, in HIM who is the LIGHT of the world. John the Immerser testified on this wise, *“I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.”*

In the visitation of “fire” HE would demonstrate HIS power to bring HIS predestined will to pass, both swiftly and without remedy. I believe the apostle Paul had this in mind when he wrote to the Romans saying, *“Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”* The LORD does efficiently go about to call HIS own sheep by name, giving them ears to hear, and a will to follow HIM whose voice they are caused to recognize. HE has both determined to manifest HIS righteousness in the earth, and to bring the redemption of HIS people to pass by the shedding of HIS own blood on Calvary.

We see the “fire of GOD” fall upon that ONE who is the APPLE of HIS FATHER’s eye, as HE became sin for HIS people, and the fire of GOD’s justice burned hot upon HIM as HE cried “I thirst” and implored the LORD for mercy in our behalf. Has there ever been a more clear manifestation of the determination of GOD to judge and condemn sin? HE laid down HIS life because it was impossible that any man could take it from HIM, and HE suffered under the wrath of the very fire which HIS own hands had kindled.

We see the “fire of GOD” fall upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. *“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”* There have been many (since that time) who have claimed to have this same experience. We cannot tell definitively, if any of these subsequent utterances are indeed from above or simply the product of man’s religiosity and the power of suggestion. There was no doubt as to the veracity of that gift on Pentecost, however, because of the “fire of GOD.” Men may duplicate these “utterances” but they cannot duplicate that which is the greater miracle which occurred on Pentecost. *“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?”* *“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”*

This is the evidence that the “fire of GOD” fell that day. It was not simply that the disciples babbled in languages which they were unfamiliar with but rather that the LORD was pleased to call HIS sheep as HE said, *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”* *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* When the LORD is pleased to send HIS WORD to the ears of the hearers, then we can be certain that the fire of GOD has fallen. *“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”* This is that gospel which brings *“life and immortality to light.”* Great is the work of GOD who sends forth this “fire” of mercy to accomplish HIS determined purpose to call HIS children from out of every kindred, tribe and tongue upon the earth.

Men can imitate preaching, they can imitate believing, they can even imitate being sent by GOD, but they cannot imitate “hearing”, for in such is the manifestation of FAITH which is the gift of GOD, not of works lest any man should boast. The LORD speaks in a voice that cannot be heard by any but those to whom is given to hear it. *“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Have you heard HIS VOICE? Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**