

On Fire for God

Luke 12:49-53

Luke 12:49: I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (After the Cross comes Pentecost.)

Last week we read two parables.

- The parable of the faithful and wise steward.
- The parable of the unfaithful servant.

Jesus follows these parables talking about sending fire - the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:16: I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Acts 1:8: But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

The disciples were with Jesus for three years. Shouldn't they be ready to minister to the world? But Jesus promises them power to be witnesses through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3: sound...as of a rushing mighty wind...tongues, as of fire

Today is Pentecost Sunday!

2 Timothy 1:6: For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh (fan into flames) the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:19: Do not quench the Spirit.

The antonym of quench is **ABLAZE**.

Luke 12:49: I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Luke 12:50: But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

Baptize - to dip, to immerse.

This is not talking about water baptism. (Luke 3:21)

Mark 16:15-16: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

baptism —> The Cross (immersed in the Father's wrath)

distressed (not excruciating pain of crucifixion)

Pressed. Mount of Olives —> Gethsemane (olive press)

it is accomplished

Finished!

Luke 12:51: Do you suppose that I came to give peace (outward) on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.

Jesus did come to bring (inner) peace.

- Peace with God (between sinful man and a holy God)

Romans 5:1: Therefore, having been **justified** by **faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Peace of God

John 14:27: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not (stop) your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- Peace with one another

Romans 12:18: If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Hebrews 12:14-15: Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord; looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

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Here we learn that following Jesus will bring division.

Luke 12:52-53: For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 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.

This is the cost of discipleship: division. We all want to be **liked**.

Pentecost Sunday

Q. Is your life on fire for God? **ABLAZE**? The prophet Isaiah said of Jesus, "smoking flax He will not quench." He wants to fan that ember into flames!

Q. Are you troubled or afraid? —> **Peace** (Romans 8:32)

Q. Is there someone you're **not** at **peace** with?

Q. Are you at **peace** with God? Has salvation been accomplished in your life?
Are you justified?

Q. Have you been baptized?