

On the Corner Fringe: Don't Quench the Spirit April 2, 2020

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Rivers of Living Water: Protecting the Divine Fire

In this transcript of a message by **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries**, he explores the spiritual significance and practical benefits of the **Holy Spirit**, referred to in Hebrew as the ***Ruach HaKodesh***. He explains that the Spirit acts as a **divine teacher, guide, and comforter** who provides believers with true understanding and intimacy with God that academic knowledge alone cannot achieve. A central theme of the message is the warning to **not quench the Spirit**, which occurs when individuals allow sin, negative speech, or worldly influences to disrupt their connection with the Divine. Using the biblical imagery of **living water**, Daniel illustrates how the "earth" of worldly lusts can clog the spiritual wells of a believer's heart. He concludes by urging his audience to maintain their spiritual fire through **obedience, prayer, and holiness**. Through this teaching, Daniel emphasizes that a vibrant relationship with the **Spirit** is essential for experiencing God's peace and discerning the times ahead.

[Daniel Joseph]

Welcome, everyone. I'm Daniel Joseph, and you're "*On the Corner Fringe*," and today I want to talk about the *Ruach*, or, to say, the Spirit, the Spirit of God.

We'll jump right into it and begin in John 7:38-39—**He who believes in Me**, and this is obviously Yeshua speaking, **as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of *mayim chayim* (מַיִם חַיִּים) in Hebrew, living water.**" ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



So, a couple of things here. First, we learn that whoever believes in Yeshua is expected to receive the Spirit of the Living God, and this is critical. But then, as we jump ahead, we see some of the benefits of this. The book of John explains: John 14:26—**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

So, here's one of the benefits. When we put our faith, trust, and hope in Yeshua, something happens. The Lord gives us something, and that is an anointing. That's the *Ruach HaKodesh*, the Holy Spirit coming upon us. Here's part of the benefit: with the Holy Spirit, He's going to teach us.

The Apostle Paul to the Corinthians says in 1 Corinthians 2:11—... **Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God**. In other words, you can read Scripture until you're blue in the face, and actually some really well-known scholars out there know the New Testament better than 95-plus percent of Christians. They're academics; they know it well inside and out, but they don't believe it.

Now, when you listen to these scholars, I'll give you an example: an agnostic like Bart Ehrman is considered one of the top New Testament scholars in the world. When you listen to him talk about it, and he can quote to you any Scripture, virtually verbatim, whether in English or Greek. But when you listen to him talk about the New Testament in these passages of Yeshua, you recognize quickly that he's missing something. He's missing understanding of being able to understand the passages. These things are hidden from him because he doesn't have the Spirit of God, and he'll never have the Spirit of God because he's not trusting in Yeshua, calling upon Him for salvation, calling upon Him for mercy, and for grace. Therefore, you don't get wisdom, and you don't get understanding.

Someone may be an intellectual, they may know Greek, and they may be able to quote every verse in the New Testament, but that won't help them. They need the Spirit of God. Without it, they can't know Him. See, the Spirit is the intimacy; He's the key to intimacy. He's the key to relationships. He's the key to getting to know your Savior better. So, this isn't optional for a believer. We need to possess it. We need to have this because we want that intimacy. We want to know our God. We want to have His wisdom. We want to have His understanding. We want His knowledge, and we want Him to teach us. The only way this is going to happen is through the Spirit, the *Ruach*. He'll give this to you.

Not just that, but we're told He's also going to convict us. —John 16:8—**And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment** (emphasis added). It's the Spirit who convicts us. So, it's the Spirit who teaches us, and in times where we need to be convicted to say, "Hey, where you typically would call this, your conscience, you're feeling it, you know you shouldn't be doing something, and yet you're doing it, that is the Spirit of God, the mercy of God, knocking at your door, telling you, 'Get out.'" Whatever sin you're currently in, whatever you're currently doing, get out of it.

I'll give you an example: I was listening to this radio program, and there was a particular pastor on there, and it was a call-in show, and this girl called in, and she was struggling with unforgiveness, and it was convicting her. She was wrestling with it; she was losing sleep over this, and unfortunately the call did not go well because this pastor told her that she didn't need to forgive. Christ has already done that, so she doesn't have to, which is complete, and utter nonsense. You're missing the teachings of Yeshua Himself in the Gospel of Matthew—**But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses**. You can read this in Matthew 6:15, so the pastors council isn't true. The Holy Spirit was gnawing at her. He was doing His job, and the beauty of her trying to yield to His promptings is encouraging, and then to have the devil come in and sever that was unfortunate.

But continuing, going to John 16:13—**However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth**. So, we have a teacher, and we have not just a teacher; we have a guide. He is guiding us in the right way, **...for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak**, and I love this part. Look at this, **and He will tell you things to come** (emphasis added). Do you want to know what's on the horizon? Do you want to understand the times and the seasons? Do you want to know

what is in front of you? We need the Spirit of God. Do you want to know how close His return is? You need the Spirit of God. He's going to show you.

This is what Bible prophecy is. How does prophecy happen? Does it happen because men speak of their own accord? Absolutely not. —2 Peter 1:20-21—**knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.** You find Peter speaking these words, telling us this instruction that it's not a thing of flesh. This is a thing of Spirit. So, to have prophecy happen, to have the gifts of the Spirit happen, whether it is a gift of teaching, whether it is a gift of tongues, whether it is a gift of healing, whether it is the gift of wisdom, whether it is this gift of prophecy, all of this comes through the Spirit of God. It's one Spirit, but all these beautiful gifts. So, we see the benefits He brings.

Taking you to Ephesians 1:13, Paul says, **"In Him, in Yeshua, you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."** (Emphasis added). Okay, so you're actually sealed. This is the proof of your inheritance.

So, I just gave you a quick summary of all these amazing things that happen when you put your trust, when you put all your heart on the line, when you totally believe, when you dedicate your life to the Lord, Yeshua, and you hold nothing back. Only then will His anointing of the Spirit of God come down upon you, and this beautiful relationship begins to blossom. It begins to blossom in teaching.

The Holy Spirit, we're told, is a comforter, and He is a helper. You're going to get joy because you're going to be in relationship with Him. He's going to tell you about things to come. There's going to be all these gifts from this relationship that you will feed off. You will have this inexplicable joy, no matter what situation you're in, because you're in a relationship with the Lord. You have Yeshua, and the Spirit is testifying of Him daily in your life.

You know, I can remember this when I came back to the Lord after not walking with Him for some time. The Spirit was so heavy on me, I could not get enough of His Word and I could not pray enough. Just looking outside, looking at the trees, looking at the clouds, incited me to praise Him and worship Him. I couldn't get enough of Him. I couldn't speak enough of His praises. My meditation was filled with Him. This is all from the Holy Spirit. This wasn't a product of my flesh, but it was certainly a product of faith. I could just taste it (Psalm 34:8). I had tasted and seen that the Lord was good. You never want to leave that moment where you feel so close to God. That's the intimacy I'm talking about. There's a closeness. You feel close to Him.

Some of you may be thinking, "You know what, Daniel? I haven't felt close to Him; there's something wrong. There's a barrier. Do you know why?" Well, Paul answers this question, and this is really where I'm taking all of this: this tiny little verse—1 Thessalonians 5:19—"Do not quench the Spirit."

When we feel so far from Him that He's not hearing our prayers, and we're not hearing Him. We don't have any closeness. Something is broken, and I'm telling you, it's this. You are quenching the Spirit. When you quench the Spirit, that relationship breaks down. That intimacy breaks down. That closeness is no longer there. You feel miles and miles apart from Him because you're quenching the Spirit.

And here's the thing, there are all sorts of things that cause the Spirit to flee, to move far from you, or to stop speaking to you. I'll give you one example: we read this in Proverbs 15:4—**A wholesome tongue is a**

tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. You want to disconnect from God? Have perverseness in your tongue, and this could be speaking evil against your neighbor. It will quench the Spirit. Don't do it; you're speaking death over yourself. There will be a separation. This could be speaking negatively. This could be complaining. Oh man, our tongue is a world of iniquity. God help us all. It will break the Spirit. It will quench the Spirit.

You could be stirred—you can have gone to this radical, powerful church service and be completely overjoyed, and you feel something inside you, and it's powerful, and you have that closeness. And all of a sudden, you have this radical fire that you felt you had lost. Then, within a day or two, you feel like you've lost it again. You lost it because you're doing something to quench the Spirit. You may be speaking negatively. Speaking against your friend. You may be complaining. Maybe you're saying things that set you up for total failure. You know, I think of Israel saying in Exodus 17:7, ...**"Is the LORD among us or not?"** That enraged the LORD. What do you mean, am I among you or not? They were speaking death. These are things that will quench the Spirit.

Your behavior and not following the commandments of God, not doing what God has asked you to do will quench the Spirit. When you don't love your neighbor, but you hate him in your heart, I'm telling you right now, you are quenching the Spirit. When you don't believe that God can help you, when you start having faith issues, I'm telling you right now, you are quenching the Spirit.

I want to close with this verse. This is a cool verse in Genesis 26:15. Now, we're at the time of Isaac; Abraham has passed away, and now we're dealing with his son Isaac. — **Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.** — I love this passage. I wish I could go deeper into this. There's a lot more we could talk about in the prophecy, the prophetic aspect, but one thing I want you to see is this: Just recently I did a message, and I talked about the Philistines, or the *Pelishtim* (פְּלִשְׁתִּים), and how they are in a very real way representative of evil spirits, those doing the work of the devil. And it's fascinating because the Philistines are mentioned here in the context of wells. Well, we know that the wells, you can see, are attributed to where you would be symbolically pulling out *mayim chayim*, living water.

I think of John 4:7 when Yeshua was having this interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well. The context is everything, and she's drawing out water, and ... **Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."** Then He responds throughout the conversation that if you had asked Me—so Yeshua was speaking to the Samaritan woman. If you would ask Me, I would have given you a drink. —John 4:13—**Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again."** He was referring to *mayim chayim*. Here He's sitting at Jacob's well, and He's referring to the *mayim chayim*.

I only make this connection for you because a lot is being said in this verse that is so powerful; where you have this *Pelishtim*, you have these agents of the devil going out, and what are they doing? They're filling up the wells so that people cannot draw water. They cannot draw *mayim chayim* from it, and what are they filling them up with? Well, it says they had filled them with earth. You think of this: they're filling them full of the things of the world. In other words, what I'm telling you is when you start filling your heart with the things of the world—1 John 2:16—**For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.**

When you go home from this awesome time at church, your synagogue, or wherever you are, you feel the Spirit moving on you, and then you flick on the television and watch smut and garbage and filth, or you start listening to music filled with garbage and filth; you are quenching the Spirit. Don't expect that

feeling; that fire that you had to continue because you're putting it out with the things of the world. The things that the devil wants you to fill your well with. The things of the earth, things that should not be there.

So, I just encourage you to stop quenching the Spirit because we want revival. We want holiness, and that won't happen if we keep putting the fire out. There are so many other things we could talk about that we're filling these wells with; it is supposed to be a well of *mayim chayim* in our heart, but we keep filling it with earth. Don't do it.

I just encourage you to hold fast. Start taking only the *mayim chayim*; keep drinking that, and don't go get the earth. Just get the Spirit of God, start eating the Word of God, start praying, start fasting, and start singing praises. Start loving your neighbor; start saying good things. Start speaking life.

Well, that's all for today. Thank you for joining me. May the Lord bless you and keep you this week. Shalom.

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Living Water
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True intimacy with God and inexplicable joy flow from receiving the Holy Spirit.



A Guide to Truth and Prophecy
The Spirit reveals "things to come" and provides understanding of biblical prophecy.

THE POWER OF THE RUACH
(HOLY SPIRIT)

BARRIERS THAT QUENCH THE SPIRIT



Perverseness of the Tongue
Speaking evil of neighbors or constant complaining causes a spiritual separation from God.



Filling the Well with "Earth"
Consuming worldly media and "filth" quenches the Spirit's fire in the heart.



Disobedience & Faithlessness
Failing to love neighbors or doubting God's help breaks spiritual intimacy.

Spiritual Flow
(Mayim Chayim)

Forgiveness & Love
Prayer & Worship
Speaking Life

Earthly Obstructions
(The Quenchers)

Unforgiveness & Hatred
Worldly Media & "Smut"
Perverseness & Complaining