### The Fire Of God

Dr. Elizabeth Vaughan October 13, 2019 PM Service 2 Corinthians 3:17, 1 Kings 18:17-40, Matthew 10:37-39, 1 Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6-7. Isaiah 53:4-5, John 14:10

### **2 Corinthians 3:17**

### Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

## **Complete** peace in the midst of the storm comes from complete trust in God

When you Holy **Ghost choose** Jesus, you are committed to following Him

### <u>1 Kings 18:17-</u>

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed **Baalim**.

Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.



So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

### <u>1 Kings 18:32</u>

And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

### <u>1 Kings 18:34</u>

### And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.



### And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

## God's ways are higher than our Ways

### **Galatians 2:20**

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## God likes to do things in such a way that everyone will say it has to be God

## If you want it to be all God, it can't be any of you

## God does supernatural things to convince the people

## God is ready to set us all on fire when we provide ourselves as the sacrifice

## We have to be willing to give up our self-will to God

### <u>Matthew 10:37</u>

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

### **Matthew 10:38**

### And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

### **Matthew 10:39**

### He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

### The body that God needs is someone that is crucified to self and is totally dependent on God

## We need to let God make every decision for us

The decisions He makes for us are for our ultimate good and the good of the kingdom of God

### **1 Peter 5:7**

## Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

### **Philippians 4:6**

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

### **Philippians 4:7**

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

### <u>Isaiah 53:5</u>

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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# Our biggest enemy is ourselves

## God has the fire ready, but He needs a sacrifice to send it to.