

God Brings the Heat

Part two of the series, "Discerning These Times"

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In Acts 1 and 2 we learn about God's promise of the Holy Spirit and the "fire" He ignites in God's people. Three takeaways on what the Holy Spirit does:

- **The Holy Spirit focuses us on God's HEART for the WORLD.**

*"And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**' ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." (Acts 1:4-9 ESV)*

- **The Holy Spirit fills us with BOLDNESS and COURAGE.**

*"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.**" (Acts 2:1-4 ESV)*

- **The Holy spirit purifies our HEART and prepares us for God's MISSION.**

*"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' ³⁸And Peter said to them, '**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**' ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:36-41 ESV)*

*"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰**teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)*