

# FIRE POWER:

(after a sermon by Rodney Howard Browne at C3 Church Hanau on 14 November 2018)

*„John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'” Luke 3:16*

*„They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.” Acts 2:3*

Jesus saved us so that he could baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire and we could be his witnesses in the power of the Holy Spirit. The gospel is God's power! Paul said he did not only come with words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and power. Many Christians are lacking that fire. They think the Holy Spirit is a language or a bird. The Holy Spirit came like a dove on Jesus, but he is not a dove. At Pentecost they all started speaking in new tongues, but the Holy Spirit is not a language. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead: he is like God: all-knowing, all-powerful and omnipresent. He occupies Jesus' place in our lives. He is our intercessor who prays through us. He is our mentor, our teacher, the one who comes to our aid and who strengthens and trains us. When we were born again, we received the **Holy Spirit in us**. He became the fountain of living water in us. When we received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the **Holy Spirit came on us** so that streams of living water would bubble out of our spirit. The fountain is there for us, the streams are there for the world. The Bible says that our God is a consuming fire. John baptized with water, which made him a baptizer, or baptist. After John came a Pentecostal who baptizes with fire. Jesus went to heaven to ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit. For 2000 years now, Jesus has been baptizing with the Holy Spirit and fire.

All Christians have the Holy Spirit in them, but many are lacking the fire. Fire is a necessity for serving God. Jesus commanded his disciples to wait in Jerusalem to receive this fire baptism. Only then were they to start moving. A ministry for God without fire is worthless. Jesus himself had to wait for that baptism of fire for 30 years. Only when the Holy Spirit came upon him did he start his three-year ministry. If Jesus was completely dependent on the Holy Spirit and could do nothing without him, how much more do we need the fire of the Holy Spirit. That fire will burn away all the dirt, refuse and fear of man from your life. The fire of God will make you whole and complete. Psychology and counselling is the human method. The Holy Spirit is God's method to heal and set us free. Demons cannot stand the fire of God. But God's fire also brings persecution with it. All those who want to live in a way that is pleasing to God will suffer persecution. The modern church wants to conform to the world in order to be accepted. Pastors want lots of "likes" on Facebook, but they do not want to be criticized or persecuted. Europe needs the fire power of the Holy Spirit! Fire in the churches, fire in the schools, fire in the government. Only the fire of God can change Europe. There are **three kinds of fire** and every person will one day encounter one of those fires.

**The fire of the Holy Spirit, the fire of judgement or the fire of hell.** If you know Jesus but do not have the fire of the Holy Spirit, all your works will burn up in the fire of judgement. You will be saved, but as through fire. If a person dies without Jesus, they will suffer the fire of hell for all eternity. However, you can receive the fire of the Holy Spirit and become a "fire starter" for Jesus. Samson caught 300 foxes, tied their tails together, set them alight and sent them into the harvest fields of Israel's enemies. God wants to send you into the harvest fields of this world so that you can destroy the works of the devil and win souls for Jesus. We are living in the last days. Europe has a short window of opportunity to gather in the harvest of souls. Allow yourself to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit. Spiritual ministry is spiritual, not mental. Our messages must come from the Spirit rather than from the mind. Jesus said: My words are spirit and they are life. It is the ministry of the Spirit that brings forth new life and changes people. The early church needed that fire and today's church needs that fire. The power of the Holy Spirit will shake Europe up and hinder the enemy's plan. It is to be done not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says God. In the power of the Holy Spirit, the church will do the impossible and return to what happened in the Book of Acts.

**Prophecy:** *"For this is the day and the hour that I will begin to reveal Myself, says the Lord; and the Holy Spirit shall become a reality to my church once again. And even as the Early Church walked in great power great authority, and great and mighty signs and wonders, yea, the day of signs and wonders is not over, but they shall come back in manifestation in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. For men and women of God shall be raised up, and they shall walk in boldness, and they shall see the glory of God that has come. And the cloud of God shall be seen in meetings. It will be said that angels were seen walking up and down the aisles. It will be said that a light shone, and the glory of God was made manifest. And there shall be no lack of the manifestation of the Spirit of God. For these are the days of the outpouring of the Spirit of God. The end of all things is at hand, and the work that must be done must be done quickly. So think not with the natural mind. Do not try to understand and conceive with your natural mind that which I am doing, but allow my Spirit to enter into your heart and life and burn that which comes from heaven into your life. You shall rise up in boldness, and you shall be counted among those that shall be used in a powerful way in these last days. Rise up. Lay aside the things of the natural. Lay aside the things of tradition. For many shall say, "Oh, they've gone overboard. They've gone in excess." But, oh, enter into the things of God - enter into the realm of the Spirit of God - for great and mighty things shall be done, says the Lord."*

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