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The Baptism Of Fire

**BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.
Matthew 5:8**

(Pg 71) Deliverance from a spirit is not complete as long as the iniquity remains, because the enemy can return as long as there is a place for him in the desire of our heart. An iniquity is a desire. That iniquity will remain in our heart until God removes it by the baptism of fire. We may conceal it or cover it, but it will still manifest under the right circumstances. Therefore, in order to be truly cleansed, the iniquity must be submitted to God to be burned out by the baptism of fire. In the baptism of fire, our heart is change. When our heart is changed the evil spirit cannot return except through willful sin.

In the parable in Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist tells us about the baptism of fire that Jesus brings.

**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance,
but He who is coming after me is mightier than I,
whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.**

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He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**His winnowing fan is in His hand,
and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor,
and gather His wheat into the barn;**

but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. M't.3:11,12

In the baptism of fire the “chaff” is burned up with unquenchable fire. The chaff is the waste or refuse that God will not allow to enter His kingdom. The harvest for the kingdom will be “thoroughly purged” with a baptism of fire. Those of the harvest will thus be purified of iniquity.

In the baptism of fire, iniquity is removed from our heart by the all-consuming fire of God.

Therefore understand today that the LORD your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.

De.9:3

“Them” refers to your enemies which are spirits and iniquities within your life (land). You shall drive them out by the word of God; you shall destroy them quickly by the word of God, spoken and believed.

When the iniquity is burned out, we will have a new heart and a new spirit. This is the fulfillment of God’s promise given in the Old Testament.

**I will gather you from the peoples,
assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered,
and I will give you the land of Israel.**

**And they will go there,
and they will take away all its detestable things
and all its abominations from there.**

**Then I will give them one heart,
and I will put a new spirit within them,
and take the stony heart out of their flesh,
and give them a heart of flesh,**

Eze.11:17-19

The “land of Israel” is the promised land in ourself, in our heart. It becomes ours as we are delivered.

In the book of Joshua, the clearing of the promised land, Canaan, is a symbolic account of deliverance and the baptism of fire. (Pg 73) The tribes and cities and inhabitants of Canaan represent the demons and iniquities that must be overcome to inherit the promised land in us. The burning of the cities with all their inhabitants symbolizes the baptism of fire. Every demon and iniquity must be completely removed and destroyed in order to inherit the promised land. The promised land is a condition within our heart.

For in deed, the kingdom of God is within you.

Lu.17:21

We see then that salvation is an accomplished fact with the death of Jesus on the cross, but not deliverance from iniquity. In order to have a “pure heart”, cleansing is required. Jesus bought us with His life that we might receive mercy from God. Through mercy we may have everlasting life (*Jo.3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*). But the cleansing of iniquity is by the Holy Spirit of truth in the baptism of fire. Through the truth we may have eternal life (*Jo.17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”*). By mercy, we may come to the truth. But if we cannot find the way of truth within we remain under mercy.

All those who have eternal life are saved and will see God. However, not all those saved (having everlasting life) shall be in the kingdom of God, or see God's face. The kingdom of heaven is a place and the kingdom of God is a condition. The kingdom of God is the greater and the kingdom of heaven is the lesser. Yet the greater is always found within the lesser along with those who do not have the greater, and they dwell together in the lesser (*M't.13:47* "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 "which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

All those in the kingdom of God are in the kingdom of heaven, but not all those in the kingdom of heaven are in the kingdom of God.

PLACE

(lesser)

Kingdom of Heaven
(M't.13:44-51)

Everlasting Life
(Jo.3:16)

Mercy
(saved by God)

CONDITION

(greater)

Kingdom of God
(Ro.14:17)

Eternal Life
(Jo.17:3)

Truth
(know God)

Mat 13:45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 “who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 “which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 “and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” 51 Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Jhn 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jhn 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

(Pg 74) By God's grace came mercy through Jesus Christ who brought the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings the baptism of fire through which comes deliverance from iniquity. Whoever stands in the baptism of fire and overcomes all iniquity shall be a pillar in the temple in the city of God, the City of Truth (*Zec.8:3* "Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'"), the New Jerusalem (*Re.3:12* "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name."), built by Cyrus (*Isa.45 below*) and Zerubbabel (*Zec.4 below*)

who both represent the Holy Spirit who has come (*Jo.16:8*“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”).

Isa 45:1 “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut: 2 ‘I will go before you And make the crooked places[fn] straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. :3 ‘I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. 4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.’ 8 “Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it. 9 “Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ Or shall your handiwork say, ‘He has no hands’? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, ‘What are you begetting?’ Or to the woman, ‘What have you brought forth?’ ”

*Isa 45:11 Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:
“Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the
work of My hands, you command Me. 12 I have made the earth,
And created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens,
And all their host I have commanded. 5:13 I have raised him up in
righteousness, And I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city
And let My exiles go free, Not for price nor reward,” Says the LORD of
hosts. 14 Thus says the LORD: “The labor of Egypt and merchandise of
Cush And of the Sabeans, men of stature, Shall come over to you, and
they shall be yours; They shall walk behind you, They shall come over
in chains; And they shall bow down to you. They will make supplication
to you, saying, ‘Surely God is in you, And there is no other; There is no
other God.’ ”*

15 Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior!

16 They shall be ashamed And also disgraced, all of them; They shall go in confusion together, Who are makers of idols. 17 But Israel shall be saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You shall not be ashamed or disgraced Forever and ever. 18 For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other. 19 I have not spoken in secret, In a dark place of the earth I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek Me in vain'; I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. 20 "Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god that cannot save.

21 Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. 22 “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. 24 He shall say, ‘Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. 25 In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.’ ”

Zec 4:1 Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” So I said, “I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. 3 “Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.” 4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, “What are these, my lord?” 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” 6 So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts. 7 ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” ’ ”

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 9 “The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. 10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.” 11 Then I answered and said to him, “What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?” 12 And I further answered and said to him, “What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?” 13 Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” Zec 4:14 So he said, “These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”

**I have raised him up (Cyrus) in righteousness (Ze.3:4),
And I will direct all his ways;
He shall build My city (the City of Truth)
And let My exiles go free, (You shall know the truth,
And the truth shall make you free)
Not for price nor reward, (but because he loves Me)
Says the Lord of hosts.**

Isa.45:13

Zec 3:4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."

The temple consists of people (*Re.21:22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.;Eph.5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ;Eph.2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*) **refined in the fire** (*Re.3:18“I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see*

with Christ within (*Re.3:21*“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ;*Jo.17:21*“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.) **This is the condition of the kingdom of God.**

**For the kingdom of God is not food and drink,
But righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ro.14:17**

In this condition God, the Father (righteousness), Christ the Word (peace), and Christ the Truth (joy) dwell within (*Jo.16:23* “*And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.*).

God

The Father

Jesus (Grace)

Christ (Word)

House of Israel

House of Judah

(Jerusalem)

Mercy (Love)

Truth

(Zion)

Repentance

Light

Forgiveness

The Way

Salvation

Eternal Life*

“THE SAVED”

“THE FAMILY”

(Ro.5:6-11 below)

(Eph.3:14-19 below)

AGE OF GRACE

AGE OF TRUTH

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Rom 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Eph 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 6 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

AGE OF GRACE

For the Gentiles-
Rev.21:24-Nations of the saved
(made righteous).
within.

They shall eat of the Tree of Life.

AGE OF TRUTH

For the Jews 2(spiritual)-
Rev.21:27-City of Holiness (the holy).
They shall have the Tree of Life

*Eternal life in God (Zoe), in the flesh,
without aging, or death, or sin forever.
*The “spiritual” Jew is God’s “chosen”
and has nothing to do with physical or
ethnic origin.

Rev. 21:24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it

Rev 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.