



"Holy Ghost Fire Baptism" by Rev Samuel Mametsa, Sunday Service, the 23rd September 2012.

This is a very special day.

Holy Ghost Fire Baptism is the last of your walk in completing your salvation. When you leave here today, don't doubt yourself. Today is the day God will prove to you He has a purpose for you.

"11 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. He will baptize you with the <u>Holy Spirit</u> and <u>fire</u>." <u>Matthew 3:11, NKJV</u>.

Holy Ghost Fire Baptism is done by Jesus Christ Himself. I won't lay my hands on you. John the Baptist says "I am capable to baptise you with water but I am not worthy to baptize you with fire and Holy Spirit." That is why I am afraid to say "I will baptise people with Holy Ghost Fire Baptism by laying hands on them. I will be lying. It is only Jesus Christ who can baptise you with fire!"

Nobody can baptise you with fire, only the Holy Spirit can do it. God chose this date Himself. I don't have any power in me to baptise you with fire. That is why you had to go and prepare yourself. That is why





last week, I preached about the preparation for the Holy Ghost Fire Baptism.

It is important on this day you do not to miss your appointment with God. It is very difficult to get a date for a Holy Ghost Fire Baptism. Last year God was just quite about the Holy Ghost Fire Baptism. I can't explain why God chose the 23rd September. In other words only God knows the reason why this day and not any other day.

Last week we read from <u>Joel 2:12</u> which talks about proper preparation for a true fast. We discussed four main things that we need to do when fating. The bible says "12 "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." 13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm." Joel 2:12-13, NKJV.

Prepare <u>YOUR HEART</u>, kneel to God, weep, and mourn before God. The bible says don't tear your clothes but tear your hearts. That is why sometimes people continue to fast but contravene the laws of fasting (i.e seeking the face of God.)

<u>1 Peter 5:5</u> states that the grace of the Lord will be given those who <u>HUMBLE</u> themselves. In fasting we speak about humbling ourselves and fearing God. <u>1 Peter 5:5</u> "5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud,"





But gives grace to the humble."" NKJV.

We also read <u>2 Corinthians 12:</u> "God, I am healing so many people but there is a thorn in my flesh, why don't you take it out?", but the bible says that the response that came from God was "...my grace is sufficient.!" 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." <u>2 Cor 12:7-9, NKJV.</u>

<u>Sacrifice</u>. The Old Testament tells us something: when you had sinned before God, you had to go and buy a lamb and give it to the high priest. Then you would tell the high priest, "I have sinned before God, please go before God and make atonement for me with this lamb".

Gone are those days. You must be the sacrifice. You are not boycotting the food. You are searching out humility. When you are hungry, you can't insult somebody. You can't even kill a fly. I know you can't laugh because you are hungry. The bible says we have to sacrifice ourselves when we are fasting.

In the old days they used to put on sack clothes, dust on the head and cry unto the Lord. They were trying to humble themselves before God. They would look crazy to the people but they were doing it to humble





themselves unto the Lord.

"13 "From above He has sent fire into my bones, And it overpowered them; He has spread a net for my feet And turned me back; He has made me desolate And faint all the day." Lam 1:13, NKJV.

"There is fire in my bones". You will receive this fire into your bones today. You need that fire.

"24 Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken."

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38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench." 1 Kings 18:24, 38 NKJV.

If you don't have fire, if you have no fire in your bones, you can't call the fire to come down. The fire won't know you. The fire must know you. The fire knew Elijah. The fire recognised Elijah because it was in his bones. Wherever he went he had the fire. The fire is very important. You deserve this fire.

Elijah says to the witches and wizards of Baal: "I challenge you today, call your god and I will call upon the Lord, because I know that my God answereth by fire." The witches and wizards did everything in their power. They made a mistake! They were challenging somebody





who was not calling fire, but the one who Himself is the fire.

There is no one, no spirit that can withstand the fire that is coming upon you. No witches and wizards can withstand you after you receive this fire.

Elijah challenges them and says: "You prophets of Baal, how many are you I am only one but in me and through me you will see. I know you are many but I will give you a chance, call your god. I will give you a chance whilst I walk around; do all in your power." Maybe he caught the taxi to town and came back only to find there was no fire.

He would have asked "Where is your fire? Where is your god, he is not here? Call him, I will come back." He caught another taxi to Polokwane. "Can you see you are serving a god of wood?" Because of pride they started to cut themselves. Elijah said to them: "Is this how you serve your god? Wait, you don't have to kill yourself. Let me call my God." He never asked somebody to go and buy a box of matches. He depended on the fire of God.

The bible says he raised up his hand. After this baptism, when you raise your hand, the fire will come. The bible says he raised his hand up and said, "Father, I know that you are within me; I want you to prove to this people that I am serving you."

Your problem is that you say "I will show them." But Elijah says "God, I want you to show them that you are my God. I know that you are the God who answereth by fire." The fire destroyed everything including





the water. Don't play with fire.

After this baptism: <u>Jeremiah 5:14</u> "14 Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: "Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them." <u>Jer 5:14, NKJV.</u>

What you speak shall be fire. When you condemn it shall be fire. God will put fire in your mouth.

"27 Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar, Burning with His anger, And His burden is heavy; His lips are full of indignation, And His tongue like a devouring fire." <u>Isa 30:27, NKJV</u>.

When you condemn demons they will burn. Demons can't hang around to listen to your tongue, when you speak fire. When you say "Demon, go in the name of Jesus Christ!" the demon won't ask questions because your words come out with fire. We need to walk with fire. Wherever we go our presence must be felt by the fire and nothing else. Your dignity comes through the fire. The respect in the workplace comes from the fire.

Some want to get dignity from *sangomas*. You are making a serious mistake. Dignity comes from heaven and is connected to you through the fire.

When you call upon the fire, the fire in your bones will connect with the fire from above.





The bible says we must always keep the fire burning. The bible says yesterday's fire is today's ashes. Why? You allowed the fire to be quenched. That is why a number of Christians' fires are now ashes. Their fireplaces are now covered by ashes.

If you have been involved in the preparation of a fire before, you will understand me. When women prepare fire, they don't prepare it on top of ashes. The reason is that if you prepare the fire on the ashes, the ashes prevent the fire from burning properly. That is why they clean the ashes first. If they ignore the fire, the ashes will quench that fire.

Our fire must continue burning. Don't allow your fire to be quenched. Why? You don't the challenges you will face wherever you go. Maybe they need that fire and how will you deal with them if your fire is quenched. That is why we need grace. We need God's grace.

I said before that your grace is your grace; don't frustrate your grace; don't run ahead of your grace; don't copy somebody's grace; it is not yours. If you do this, you are running ahead of your grace and you will be running without your grace.

Your grace allows the angels of protection upon your lives, if you leave your grace, you leave the angels also. We all have the same grace but we differ in terms of operation. Your grace is sufficient for you and will work only for you.





Just like your thumb is unique, your grace is also unique. This means that even your fire is unique and will operate according to your grace. Let me tell you something there is a lot of people planning your death but because your grace says "No!" they keep failing. They can't buy your grace, they can never convince your grace to sell you out.

"22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego." Dan 3:22, NKJV.

There was fire in the bones of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. Fire cannot burn another fire. Have you ever seen it before? The king knew that as long as the fire was burning, it would burn anything. That is why he commanded them to increase the fire so that these 3 men should be consumed when they were thrown into the fire. Unfortunately the king was not aware that the three Hebrew boys already had fire in their bones.

The king was very happy when the fire was increased, but the bible says that those who didn't have fire were caught by the magnet of the fire. The bible says says those who were pushed the three boys into the fire were pulled into the fire. Why? Because they had no fire in their bones.

If there is no fire in your bones, which magnet do you have? Fire doesn't consume another fire. The reason why the magnet pulled them into the fire is that the fire saw that there was fire coming toward it but when it looked closely, it saw something else (that was behind he





fires that were coming inside) that didn't have fire and it pulled those things inside. Those people without fire were then burnt by the fire. I want you to understand the importance of the fire.

Wherever you go, your fire must magnet all those who don't have fire. When you go into a *sangoma*'s house he must chase you away and shout "Get out you are going to burn m things."

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were told they would be thrown into the fire, they laughed. "Us? Throwing us into the fire! Fire into the fire? You are wasting your time." The bible says they entered the fire, saying "God, you are the most High God, you are Jehovah Shamar." The bible says the angel of the Lord walked amongst them.

The spies of the king ran to the king, "King can you see what we are seeing?" but he just said "What is it?" When they left he opened the curtains and wondered "I put three people into the fire, who is the fourth one?" and called to the spies "My spies, how many people did you put in the fire?", "Only three but that fire has burnt our soldiers!" "But I see four people, what is happening?" I imagine by this time he is reversing, walking backwards, without being conscious of what he is doing. "Who is the fourth person?"

The problem was the fourth person. When you have fire in your bones, you are not alone. You have a lot of people who will protect you, fight for you, lead you etc. The fourth one was the thorn in the flesh of the king. Even today the king still doesn't know.





"12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings." Lev 6:12, NKJV.

The bible says don't allow your fire to be quenched. There are issues in this verse that affect the high priest. The bible says the high priest must make sure that the altar is well maintained. In other words, you must keep the fire burning in your body; the high priest will make sure that the fire in the altar keeps on burning. Where is the altar? In the church. In the church, it is my duty as the high priest to make sure that the fire keeps burning. In your home it is your duty to make sure that the fire keeps on burning.

The bible says when we keep our fires burning; it means that wherever we go our presence shall be felt. When you get into that office, your manager must come and kneel before you "No it is not me, it's those people who were giving me wrong information."

Your manager coming to you: "The reason I delayed to promote you is that I was given wrong information but now I will give you a double promotion."

The bible says "I will give you promotion because of the fire". When you go into the interview, the panel will say "You are the right candidate!" this job is waiting for you because of the fire.

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"No it is not me." "Who did what?"

This will start happening from tomorrow. Some may start today, you will receive phone calls "Forgive me?" "For what?" "No. I am just saying, forgive me." He was playing in your house. Don't bother asking why he is apologizing.

Even those who steal will come and apologise, if you steal, you must go and apologise. The fire can't operate in you, if you are stealing. In other words those who are persecuting you will come and ask for forgiveness. Why? Because of the fire in you.

Even those special diseases in your body: they can't withstand this fire. I am warning those sicknesses and diseases, you can't stay in those body. "Never!" The works of that fire in your body is that it will consume everything inside the body which is not of God.

God is giving you this fire, because His glory must be manifested through you. Wherever you go, the presence of God must be visible through you. Be always conscious that there is fire in me.

Have you not heard people saying: "Everybody can come to my place but not this one?" What do you think? They can't openly say, we are afraid of the fire in that person.

"11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into





heaven." 2 Kings 2:11, NKJV.

The fire in you, can take you to heaven just like it took Elijah. It is important for you to have the fire, because sometimes God will want you to go like Elijah. The reason why God brought the chariot of fire to Elijah is that there was fire in Elijah. You don't know how you will go.

Supposing there is no fire in you, then you will have problems. God may be jealous about your body and decide to take you like Elijah and send the chariot but if you have no fire, then you will burn.

The bible says in <u>Isaiah 66:1</u> "15 For behold, the Lord will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by <u>His sword The Lord will judge all flesh;</u> And the slain of the Lord shall be many." Isa 66:15-16, NKJV.

The bible says God is going to judge all flesh by fire. In other words, those who don't have fire will be judged by fire. If you have fire, the fire will do nothing to you. You with your fire, fire doesn't play with fire, when it meets another fire they become one fire. The problem is with those who don't have fire.

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If the fire comes inside of you, it will nullify all satanic things that have been done in your body. Some are going to leave here very tired. Some will be tired the whole week. It is the fire operating inside of you. After the operation is completed, then your life will become a testimony.

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them." Acts 2:1-3, NKJV.

Today is the Day of Pentecost, in a Pentecostal church where Jesus will release the fire amongst the people. The bible says on the Day of Pentecost, they were in one house, one accord, one spirit, one love. That moved Jesus to release the fire.

Before Jesus releases the fire, are we in one accord, one spirit, and one love? That is the question. The fire was released by the pressure of the unity. If we are not in one spirit, one accord it cannot move Jesus to release fire. The unity is what pressurized Jesus. That is why it was necessary for you to go into fasting to humble yourself, repent, cry and tear your heart and then today, you stretch your hands before God and say "God, baptise me with your Holy Ghost Fire."





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