

Renewed by Fire: The Power of Prayer for Revival

John the Baptist said: *“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”* (Matthew 3:11 NAS95S)

What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire? What does this cleansing renewal of Holy Spirit baptism look like?

Being Renewed by Fire looks like:

1. **THE BURNING BUSH (Exodus 3:1-7, esp. 10)**
God's Call to be His Leader
2. **THE BURNING MOUNTAIN (Ex. 19-20, 1Pet. 2:9-10)**
God's Call to be a *Community of Leaders*
(i.e. His People... A Holy Nation... A Royal Priesthood)
3. **THE BURNING ALTER (1 Kings 18:21, 24, 36-37)**
God's Call to True Worship
4. **THE BURNING COAL (Isaiah 6:1:11, Eph 4:29-32, Matt 12:35-37).**
God's Call to Pure Words and a Pure Witness
5. **THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE (Dan. 3:16-19, 24-28)**
God's Call to Radical Trust
6. **THE BURNING HEARTS OF THE DISCIPLES (Luke 24:25-26, John 14:26)**
God's Call to see Jesus everywhere in Scripture.
7. **THE BURNING TONGUES OF FIRE (Acts 2:1, 17-18, 32-33, Eph 2:19ff)**
God's Call to be a Unified Prophetic Community.
8. **THE BURNING BONES OF AN ANCIENT PROPHET (Jeremiah 20:7-9)**
God's Call to be Consumed and Cast Out.

What baptism of fire experience do you need just now in your life? How is the Lord seeking to renew you or your community of faith through His Spirit? Take time to reflect and then join with others who are in need of a similar outpouring of His Spirit in their lives. Together, ask God for the particular infilling He is laying on your heart just now... and as you do, claim Matthew 18:19-20 in the faith believing that the Lord will answer as you pray in agreement:

“ ‘Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.’ ” (Matthew 18:19–20 NAS95)