

## **I. God Reveals Himself as a Consuming Fire**

- A. When God revealed himself as the One who wanted a unique relationship with people He would reveal Himself as a consuming fire. The way He revealed Himself was indented to express His emotions and intentions concerning them. (Gen. 15:17; Ex. 3:2; Ex. 19:12-20, 24:9-18, 40:38)
1. His appearance as the Fiery One was never understood as His emotions of anger or rage to destroy or hurt people. Far from it, He dwelt with them as a pillar of fire for years! However, it became clear very early that His fiery love would not bear anything less than wholehearted fiery love in return. (Duet. 4:23-24)
- B. It is true that the jealousy of God's fiery love became synonymous with His wrath and judgement. But it was and is Satan's intention to make us think that His fiery judgment breaks out because of ill will rather than jealous love. He does not suspend His love to dispense judgment, judgment is a by-product of jealous love.

## **II. Invited to share the Fiery Love of the Bridegroom God**

- A. The command to love God with all our heart does not begin with us. It is one expression of the ultimate reality of the kingdom that existed long before the creation of the world. There was all consuming fiery love from eternity past. *God has loved God* with all of His heart—the Father loved the Son, Jesus loved the Spirit, etc.. God also *loves His people* with all His heart and with the same intensity that He loves within the fellowship of the Trinity. (Jhn. 15:9, Jhn. 17:23)
- B. The Holy Spirit's first priority is to establish the first commandment in *first place* in the Church. We are to be baptized in divine fiery love. God is a consuming fire of jealous love that demands everything. You can be assured that He wants more of you just as you want more of Him. (Mat. 22:37; Lk. 3:16; Jas. 4:5)
- C. The invitation into the divine love demands nothing less than the entirety of our heart and will consume every part of us. The jealousy of His divine love will not rest until it has all of you. His judgments will and must come in order to destroy what hinders. Jesus in His desire for you to burn with the same love that He had for you made a way for you to enter into it without being destroyed by it. (Heb. 12:1-29)

## **III. The Last Days Culmination of Fiery Love**

- A. The final verse and crescendo of the Song of Songs speaks of the bride who has been consumed by fiery love for her bridegroom. (Song. 8:6-7)
  
- B. God will send the spirit and power of Elijah in the last days to prepare the bride to receive her bridegroom. Elijah was known as the prophet of fire his mandate was to uphold and demonstrate the truth of God's fiery jealous love that yearned to consume His people. (1 Kings 18:30-40; 2 King 1:1-18; Mal. 4:5)
  
- C. This invitation into the divine love will result in a Bride being made ready. His eyes are burning with his all consuming love upon His return but His gaze will be met by a bride who's eyes are burning with the same fire. (Lk. 12:35-59; Rev. 15:2)

#### **IV. The Burning Love that demands and is vindicated by Judgement**

- A. A church that is truly walking in bridal identity with a love that will not be offended by God's judgments against wickedness and sin. She will not be taken back at a bridegroom with a glittering sword of war who is drenched in the blood of the wicked that He has slain on her behalf. Rather she will expect a bridegroom who removes everything that hinders love in her life and culminates in the ultimate violent removal of all sin and wickedness from the earth.
  
- B. A bridegroom who is not jealous for His bride is not a bridegroom worthy of love. However, we have a bridegroom that is so jealous that He gives up His own life for the fullness of our love to grow. He then gives Himself to remove every obstacle that hinders love in order that the love that He has for His bride is reciprocated as nothing less than all consuming fire.