

Strange Fires

The Original Pillar of Fire is Still with Us

Real Fire from God

- Leviticus 9:23-24
- And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Strange Fire

- Leviticus 10:1-3
- And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Anointed sons of Aaron

- Numbers 3:2-4
- And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the **priests which were anointed**, whom he **consecrated to minister** in the priest's office. And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children:

Faith sees what God wants done with the Word

161 For, you see, faith sees what God wants done. Oh, I hope this goes in. Faith doesn't look at the present time. Faith doesn't see this here. Faith looks to see what God wants, and it works accordingly. That's what faith does. It sees what God wants, and what God wants done, and faith operates through that. *63-0714m*
- *"Why Cry? Speak!"*

Fire from the altar saved Israel from plague

Numbers 16:46

And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put **fire therein from off the altar**, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun.

Real revival glorifies God and throws the people in submission to a vindicated leadership

- 1 Kings 18:37-39. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

Divine Fire

- Moses met the burning bush; Elijah and Ezekiel saw God in the form of fire. Paul met the same on the road to Damascus. Fire from God initially lit the altar of the tabernacle. Same thing happened when the Temple of Solomon was dedicated. The priests were commanded to keep the fire burning on the altar. It is a sign of God's perpetual presence (parousia or coming) to make His abode in the temple.
- Fire came down the upper room at the beginning of the Church.

God lit the altar of the Temple

- 2 Chronicles 7:1, 3. Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house.
- And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Priestly duty: Keep the fire burning

Leviticus 6:12-13

And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

The Seven Golden Candlesticks



Revelation 1:12

at spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden

Same Fire lit every church age

- They lit one lamp, then picked it up and lit the other lamp, then set it down. And lit this lamp, and then took and lit this lamp with the same fire that they started at the beginning. Oh, I hope it don't go over your head. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," the same fire (Holy Ghost) lit every one of those churches right down through the ages. 60-1204e - "The Patmos Vision"

Same Fire

- 193 Notice, the same Fire that burnt the oil there, in Ephesus, burnt it in Thyatira; the same Fire burnt there, burnt it in Pergamos; burnt on down through, to the Laodicean Church Age. The same Holy Spirit, lit by the same God, by the same Fire. And the Fire that fell on Pentecost has lit the candle, the Church, through every age, right on down now. 54-0512 - "The Seven Church Ages"

God is a consuming Fire

- Deuteronomy 4:23-24
- Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Same Pillar of Fire

- God gave them the Pillar of Fire to go before them. I think they had the picture here tonight. And I say it with reverence. To my honest opinion, while we're here in this group tonight, I believe That is with us tonight. **The same Pillar of Fire** that led the children of Israel is going before us, performing the same signs and wonders. And any teacher here, or scholar of the Bible, knows that the Angel that followed Israel and guided them to the promised land, was the Angel of the Covenant, which was Jesus Christ. 54-0329 - "Redemption By Power"

Paul recognized who the Fire was

- 195 Just to see Him standing here, great Pillar of Fire! He said, "I come from God; I go to God." He was the Logos that was with Moses in the wilderness, the Pillar of Fire. He died on Calvary, raised again. And when Saul was on his road down to Damascus, that same Pillar of Fire struck him down; he said, "Who are You, Lord?" He said, "I am Jesus." 64-0620E - "God Has A Provided Lamb"

Caught on camera

- But that camera won't take an optical illusion. This is a scientific proof that the same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel, which is none other than Jesus Christ Himself, has raised from the dead in the form of the Spirit, and is with the Church tonight, moving on with the same signs and wonders.
55-0227E - "The Healing Of Jairus' Daughter"



1950 Photograph

- Six negatives turned out blank but the seventh showed a picture of the Halo of light (Q:same pillar of fire that led Israel)

What was their sin?

- God did not command them to offer incense at this particular moment of special visitation.
- They presumed it would be okay to offer incense since they were anointed to perform the duties of priests. They were probably moved by the overwhelming display of the Presence of The Lord.
- They were calling attention to themselves in a time when everyone should be focused on what God is doing at the moment and should be worshipping and glorifying God.
- They offered strange fire. Any form of fire apart from the one that originated from God cannot be mingled with It. Strange doctrines, manufactured by men contaminate the power of God. Outside the Bible.
- Slightest distraction from worship. Any form of irreverence.

Painted Fire

- 115 Now, you see, you're putting on something that isn't real. Now, you can't get warm by a painted fire, like some of these churches trying to paint pentecost, of something that happened a thousand years ago or two thousand years ago. You can't get warm by a painted fire. Pentecost is just as real today as it was then. See? Yeah. The Fire is still falling. It ain't a painted fire. It's a real Fire. 65-0429E - "The Choosing Of A Bride"

Strange fires

- Manufactured (man-made) fires. Historical, Psychological purely emotional revival.
- Self acclaimed ministry. Calling attention to self. Halo photos on ministers.
- False teaching mixed with the pure Word. Man made interpretation.
- Worship mixed with human element that seeks to entertain, elevate man over God. Attention is called by performance and not by the mere Presence of the Almighty.
- Hypocritical godliness. (Ananias and Saphira) made the impression that they were all out in giving to the cause. They were actually robbing the ministry.
- Third Pull not a "public show". Angel rebuked WB for being a showman. 21

Hidden man of the heart

- Matthew 23:27. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- 1 Peter 3:3-4. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.
- 1 Samuel 16:7 . . . For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

Holiness groups

- 64 Then we're going to come over on the Armenian side. What did they get? Works. That's the holiness groups. Works, "Bless God, I'll let my hair grow out," the women. And, "Oh, praise God, I won't even wear a short-sleeved shirt," the man will, and so forth like that. That has nothing to do with the Kingdom. No, sir. You can let your hair grow long, you can wear dresses wherever you want to, or you can do this, that, or the other, and it won't have nothing at all to do with it. You're not saved because of your clothes. If so, God would just have made some patterns of such. Jesus wouldn't have had to die. 58-0928m - "The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit"

We do it in appreciation

- You're saved because that God saved you, by grace, and you do these things just in appreciation. Common decency will tell you that. You do those things in appreciation. Works is what I do for God. 58-0928m - "The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit"

Holier than thou attitude

- ❖ 123 You say, "I'll let my hair grow long, Brother Branham. I want to look like a Christian." If that isn't coming from the inside, it'll soon rub out again. Certainly it will. You get that "holier-than-thou-art" attitude. That's wrong. But if the Spirit of Christ comes in, It'll actually bring forth new life. Then it's not nothing legally. It's something that's in your heart, that sprouts forth these things. You'll get away from the walls of these modern Babylon buildings that's fixing to fall anyhow. I just feel that in my heart. 58-0209a - "Hear Ye²⁵ Him"

I have no holiness

- Arminianism, holiness is correct as long as it stays in Bible holiness, not your holiness but His Holiness. See? Then it's not my holiness. I'm not depending on my holiness. I have none, but I'm wholly trusting in His holiness. See? It's He's the One Who did it. Not my works, but His finished works that I rest assured that I was received into the Beloved and when the Beloved was received by God, God received me in Christ; that settles it. 56-1208 - "Abraham"

The result: Death

- Just like David organizing a great parade making a new cart to carry the Ark and caused the death of a sincere believer.
- Don't worship out of posterity. Just for looks. God is not impressed by form or performance. We don't try to entertain. Outward holiness means nothing to God. Matter of fact, He hates it.
- Anytime one goes out of place and does God a service outside the will of God.
- Denominational system is out of the will of God and has resulted in spiritual death.
- Satan interpreted the Word to Eve and the result was death.
- Hybridizing only produces death.

Herod slain for not giving God the glory

Acts 12:21-23

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Third Pull: Not a public show

- 24 And watch, He's always Scriptural. He said, "Did not our Lord say, 'When thou prayest be not like the hypocrites that like to make a show.' Said, 'Enter into the secret closet, and when you've done so, close the door. Then pray to your Father what seeth in secret and He that seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.'"
- He said, "I'll meet you in there and this time it won't be a public show." And the vision left me. 56-0219 - "Being Led Of The Holy Spirit"

Father seeth in secret rewards openly

- Matthew 6:5-6
- And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Don't misconstrue the messenger's message

- 71 Now, we're in the evening time. And the messengers down through the age... We find out that at the beginning when a messenger was sent, to—to misconstrue His Word or to doubt one Word, it was total annihilation and Eternal separation from God, to misconstrue that messenger's Word. 62-0603 - "The End-Time Evangelism"

Say only what the tapes say

- Listen. May I say this right quick now? Even the visions that God gives here at the place, it's so misunderstood. That's the reason you hear me on the tapes say, "Say what the tapes say. Say what the visions say." 63-0317M - "God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same"
- In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught. But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken. An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age)

After preaching Seals for 8 days

- Now, the vision, plus the Word, plus the history, plus the church ages; and all blend together. So I could truly say that to the best of my understanding and according to the Word of God and the vision and the revelation, the interpretation thereof is **THUS SAITH THE LORD. 63-0324E - "The Seventh Seal"**

What Malachi 4 will do

- Now this messenger of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do two things. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the seven seals. It will be these Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers. An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (Chapter 9 - The Laodicean Church Age)

Seven Thunders

- 75 And then there's coming forth seven mysterious thunders that's not even written at all. That's right. And I believe that through those seven thunders will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for rapturing faith; because what we got right now, we—we wouldn't be able to do it. There's something we've got to step farther; we—we can't have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. We've got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth, ... 63-0318 - "The First Seal"

Seven Thunders

- Not seven set of doctrines
- Seven is God's number of completion. The Breaking of the Seven Seals is God's complete revelation of Himself.
- The seventh seal is the Mystery that contains all mysteries.

Finishing of mystery (the whole mystery)

- Revelation 10:7
- But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

WMB's explanation

- 43 And we realize that, in the Scriptures, over in Malachi 4, there is to be a one like John, an—an Elijah to whom the Word of God can come to. And he is to reveal, by the Holy Spirit, **all the mysteries of God**, and restore the Faith of the children back to the faith of the apostolic fathers, restore back all these mysteries that's been probed at, through these denominational years. 63-0317e - "The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals"

Revelation 23

- After speaking on The Seed is not Heir with the Shuck Los Angeles, California
- 301 This man come up there, put his arms around me, and was going to say... He said, "Brother Branham, not to be sacrilegious, but that could've made the 23rd chapter of Revelation. You know, another Book added. Of course," he said, "that wouldn't be right, of course, we're not supposed to add anything to it." And just as he started to say that, he started speaking in tongues. And the boy didn't know what speaking in tongues meant. 61-1210 - "Paradox"

Even Brother Branham couldn't add to it.

- 274 Now someone has been, many has been saying to me, and theologians said, “Brother Branham, if the Lord God...” Said, “If—if...With your experience, that the Lord has given you for His people,” humbly saying this, said, “you would be eligible to write a—a Bible yourself, your Word, if God has manifested.”
- 275 I said “That might be true.” See, he was trying to catch me. See? I said, “But, you see, I couldn’t do that.”
- He said, “Why couldn’t you? You have all the qualifications.”
- 276 I said, “But, you look, one word cannot be added or taken away.” See? -64-0614m - "The Unveiling Of God"

Wrong thought

- And he said, "Well then, them seven thunders (You see?)," said, "wouldn't them seven thunders blasting out, won't that be a revelation be give to some man?"
- I said, "No, sir, it would be adding something to It or taking something from It." It's all revealed in there, and the seven seals opened up the revelation of what that was.
- See? He's still in the Word. You see, you can't get out of that Word. It won't leave the Word. And God's Spirit will never leave that Word. It'll stay right with the Word, blinding some and open the eyes of others. It'll always do that. 64-0614M - "The Unveiling Of God""

Every man is a hybrid

- 84 But every man, no matter whether he's the pope, priest, bishop, whatever he is, he dies because he's a—he's a hybrid. That's exactly. He was born between Satan and Eve. And they call it whatever you want to. It was Satan and Eve. The original Word had nothing to do with it. The original Word was Life. He had hybrid It, and it brought death. 62-0318 - "The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed"

Hybridizing produces death

- 85 And when the church, today, that's called themselves Pentecostal, called themselves Baptist, whatever they want to, when they hybridized this Word with dogma, it produces a dead child. And she can't have no Life in her. She's dead, and her children is dead. God said, "I'll throw her in a bed of worldliness, and kill her children." God said so, in Revelation. How many know that's true? 62-0318 - "The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed"

Hybrid is a confused creature

- 48 Anything's hybrid is off the real main beaten road. We ought to have a little time to talk on the original seed, see where it comes from. Hybrid don't know where it belongs, don't know who his papa was, who his mama was, or nothing. No, he don't know. He has no pedigree. He can't have a pedigree. He can never breed himself back. 62-0608 - "Perseverance"
- True Seed of God is the exact opposite.

Cant breed themselves back

- . That's what's the matter with the churches today. They can't breed themselves back. They're hybrid. They don't know whether they belong to God, or some denomination. Only thing they can produce is a member, not a Christian, I believe. Maybe I oughtn't to have said that, but it's already said. That's right. He don't know what he belongs to. He just knows he's Methodist, Baptist, or Pentecostal. That's all he knows. 62-0608 - "Perseverance"
- . (Or a "message believer") it has becomes a "brand" to many. I just want to be known as a Christian.