

God's Fire in Your Life

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Erlo Stegen emphasizes the necessity of the Holy Spirit's outpouring in believers' lives for transformation and effective witness in the world.

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Scripture: Joel 2:28, Joel 2:30-32, Matthew 6:33, John 14:16, Acts 2:17

Topics: "Fire Of God"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the manifestation of God's power through dreams, visions, and signs and wonders. He emphasizes the importance of discerning between genuine revelations from the Lord and mere chaff. The preacher also highlights biblical prophecies about the end times, such as the sun turning dark and the moon turning into blood. He warns against indulging in sinful behavior and urges listeners to repent and live holy lives in preparation for the coming day of the Lord.

Transcript

We thank you, Lord, for this wonderful opportunity to meet together. We pray that you'd work mightily through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you have your Bibles with you, in our Bibles, it's the second chapter of Joel, Joel chapter 2, verse 28. In German, it's 3, verse 1. In English, it's 2, 28 as well. And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My men servants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

Firstly, I'd like to touch upon this prophecy by the prophet about the Holy Spirit. Jesus had said to His disciples, I shall not go and leave you orphans, but when I go, I shall send the Comforter who will teach you, lead you into all the truth. I will not forsake you and leave you deserted, but you will be filled with the

Holy Spirit.

To the extent that He said, you people who are of an evil generation or you are carnal, but you know how to treat your children properly, how much more so, if you can do that as being sinful, how much more so are you a heavenly Father? Won't He give you His Spirit if you ask? And He says in our text, I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Know that this isn't the prophet saying his thing, it is God Himself speaking through His prophet. Realise that it is not the prophet's opinion, but God Himself who addresses us, saying, I will pour out My Spirit.

That same Spirit at work in David, Moses, Abraham and the prophets, He said He will pour out upon His people. Jesus also said that He hadn't poured out His Holy Spirit because He was not yet glorified. That He was saying with regards to His church, not that His Spirit had been absent, not that His Spirit hadn't been there, He had been working from long ago in His people.

The Spirit has always been there, like at the creation it says, and the Holy Spirit brooded upon the face of the earth. And upon the face of the waters. So it's not that God, His Holy Spirit has been absent, He has been there always in His creation through all of history.

But this relates in particular to the church which He established. Yes, He had been at work in the creation and right through the Old Testament era. But let's pass on from that point because I make haste.

Let's look more closely at the word to pour out. In Isaiah 44 He says, I will pour out My Spirit. He will come down as rain.

I will pour out My Holy Spirit upon the dry earth, upon the soil that longs for rain. And in the desert and wilderness I will cause rivers to spring forth. And I will pour out My Spirit upon your offspring.

And I will pour out My Spirit upon your offspring. When I was a young man and pondered upon this and I wondered how to be possible for, I wasn't yet married, I got married older on, like innocent. And I pondered upon this, it's a pity by the way that young men they just get married because they lack self-control.

Ezekiel 39, I will pour out My Spirit upon the house of Israel. In Acts 10 verse 45, He speaks in that context about pouring His Holy Spirit out like water. The symbol of water being an illustration of the Holy Spirit.

Water was of great importance, is of great importance, it brings forth life. If the heavens don't rain, even what you've planted, that good seed comes to nothing. But if it rains, there's blossoming, growth, life comes forth.

All earthly life comes forth from water, through the Holy Spirit. Without Him there is no life. Everything on earth is dependent upon water, upon rain.

It brings life, that's the only way things can survive. And so too with the Holy Spirit, breathing life into us. And so the letter killeth, but the Spirit brings life.

And God said after these things I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. After what? After Jesus had died on the cross, dealing with sin. You cannot receive the Holy Spirit if sin hasn't been dealt with in your life.

There can't be an outpouring of the Spirit if God hasn't dealt with sin in your life. You can pray till doomsday, you won't receive the Holy Spirit. Unless the cross does its work and you are at peace with

your brother.

If you still get irritated, if you still get annoyed, if you still get angry. Forget about praying for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. And if you live at Kosizabantu and you get annoyed and irritated and there is friction.

I pray if you remain that your wife will influence you that you leave this place. Make room for the next man. We don't want people here at Kosizabantu who can't live in peace.

Who get irritated, annoyed. Don't waste God's time in praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit. And you can't even live with your brother in peace.

And if things don't go as you think, as you like, you get upset. You can't bow under the mighty hand of God. You want your way.

You are a curse and a disgrace in the kingdom of God. Confess your sin. Go to your brother, to your sister.

Repent. Bring forth fruit of repentance. Satan shall not have his throne here, nor his lazy way here.

Satan shall not have his throne here, nor his lazy way here. This place shall be like a cedar, holy to the Lord. Then the Spirit of God can work.

Then one can reckon with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Then the desert places will turn into a garden, and the glory of the Lord will be seen. The fruit of repentance shall be like a cedar, holy to the Lord.

Then one can reckon with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let's look at the fruit of the Holy Spirit, what He does when He works. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, it says at the end of verse 28.

It says, they will tell forth. Weissagen in German, it's not prophesy, weissagen. Weissagen in German, it's not prophesy, weissagen.

When He stands here on the preaching chair, He speaks weissagen, weissagen that leads to bliss. And when He works, weissagen. Away from the preaching chair, weissagen.

Good things, not lazy and dirty stuff. But in English, to prophesy is to publicly expound the word of the Lord. But I love the German word, weissagen.

Weisse handeln, weisse reden. Das Rechte sagen. Und der Mensch braucht nur seine Schnauze zu öffnen, denn weisst du, ob er den Heiligen Geist empfangen hat oder nicht.

I love the expression in German for it means that He speaks forth whatever He opens His mouth to say. You can sense that this is of the Holy Spirit, wisdom. You should learn some German.

I said schnauze. That's the mouth of a pig. Umlomo uengulube.

Speaking about the snout. Umlomo uengulube. Mund, maul, schnauze.

The German describes various types of mouths, pig-like or speaking about the snout. If you want to know whether a person has received the Holy Spirit, let him just open, whether it's the mouth of a human being or a dog or a pig. By his grunting, you'll know if it's the Holy Spirit or not.

Umlomo uengulube. Umlomo uengulube. One can sense just by conversation, even if you're in the next room, the conversing of people among each other, whether they have the Holy Spirit among them or whether it's the spirit of the devil.

Even if you're a blind man, you can see it with your blindness. Umlomo uengulube. This man has received the Holy Spirit.

And that's why in Acts of the Apostles, Paul asked those disciples, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? They say, We didn't even know. Oh, that's why you talk like that. That's why you can speak like that.

That's why you can act like that. But if you received him, it won't be like that. Umlomo uengulube.

Umlomo uengulube. In German, the emphasis is of prophetic utterance, a pouring, outpouring of wisdom in their mouths. Umlomo uengulube.

And it's noticeable among your children whether they've received the Holy Spirit or not. If they're speaking about the opposite sect, flirtatiousness, things of the world, then you know that they are only carnal. They only have the things of the world, not the Lord.

Umlomo uengulube. They can only speak about football, only speak about rugby. And you notice they're incapable of speaking about the things of the Lord.

Umlomo uengulube. The one who has the Holy Spirit stands out in the crowd. Even if it's a million people you notice, this one has the Spirit, this one not.

Umlomo uengulube. This one just speaks about spooks and ghosts. Umlomo uengulube.

Or this person only knows the things in the media. He can only regurgitate the things said in the media. It's not the things of the Holy Spirit.

Umlomo uengulube. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Umlomo uengulube.

Oh, sons and daughters. Umlomo uengulube. And your old men shall dream dreams.

Umlomo uengulube. And your young men shall see visions. Umlomo uengulube.

And also in my men servants and maid servants, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. Umlomo uengulube. Noteworthy that when the Holy Spirit works, there's no differentiation between young people and old people.

Umlomo uengulube. He works... He works among... He works among the young and the old. There's no discrimination.

Don't say, well, we just need our young people's services. We can't really understand the services of the old people around. No, God doesn't discriminate.

He is at work among all of the people. Among the great and those who are not known. Among the young and the old.

The owners and those who are laborers. Among the maid servants and men servants. I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Umlomo uenglube. And also in my men servants and maid servants, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. Umlomo uenglube.

What do I have? No, they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The have and the have-nots are all filled with the Holy Spirit. Umlomo uenglube.

And yet you find so-called tourists of God being upset. He can drive in such a car. I haven't got a car.

You know why? The blatant lie is this. That you call yourself a Christian and you are not. And you are not filled with the Holy Spirit.

That doesn't matter to you. Riches, earthly things, position. Is just a rubbish box for you.

A rubbish bin. The main thing is that you are Spirit filled. And that's heaven in your life.

Umlomo uenglube. The rich are burned by the fact that it's difficult for them to enter into the kingdom of God. But you should call yourself blessed in your poverty.

Being Spirit filled and haven't got all the worries they have. Umlomo uenglube. If you want equality, go to the communists.

Because as you are, you've got a communistic heart. Umlomo uenglube. If you want equality, go to the communists.

Umlomo uenglube. Amazing that the Holy Spirit does not discriminate for He works in every level. He doesn't choose but He works among the young and the old.

The rich and the poor, the manservants and the maidservants all. Umlomo uenglube. If I think of the outpouring, I'm reminded when God did that in 1966 there at Mapumulo.

Umlomo uenglube. These days there was the funeral of Uncle Bill Larkin. Umlomo uenglube.

People are streaming down from the hills and the mountains with conviction, repenting, crying about their sins. Umlomo uenglube. He was there in the Tugela Ferry area speaking about those people coming down from the hills.

I think of Uncle Hogarth Houston in that fire area speaking about the same thing. People wanting to get right with God. At that time Uncle Hein was still there.

Umlomo uenglube. For all. Umlomo uenglube.

For young and old, for grandfathers, grandmothers, children, for young people, for all people. Umlomo uenglube. You find other outpourings.

There can be the outpouring of promiscuity. That's from another spirit. I don't know what you people from the Ngongoma area, you've come for the engagement, what it's like over there.

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