

45 Baptism of Fire, Precursor to 2nd Comforter

- Witness the baptism of a little eight-year-old girl
- Proper doctrine affiliated with that baptismal ordinance
- Number 1, is a baptism of water by authorized mortals. Number 2, is the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. 3 is baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost
- The brethren of the church, especially Elder Bednar, are seeking to turn that around
- Baptism of fire, and the Holy Ghost is the precursor to receiving the second comforter
- The baptism by fire and the Holy Ghost is an event
- It's a process of sanctification, justification, of being cleansed, but it has to end in an event. And baptism--the very word means to immerse
- Help prepare you and transform you to come into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the second comforter and his job, his purpose, is to transform and prepare you to enter into the presence of the third comforter, and that is the Father
- The fourth comforter, our heavenly mother
- Baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost is recognizable in the Scriptures
- **3 Nephi 9:20**, *a broken heart and a contrite spirit... and they knew it not.*"
- I think you will see this is the Scripture that people use to point to the fact that you can have the baptism of fire in a process that you don't even know it's happened to you
- There is no way that they can't know that something has happened. There is a huge event
- Everything intensifies and speeds up towards the end of this process. Same thing with the baptism of fire.
- Something is going to happen to you, you're going to go from a fallen, lost and hopeless adult state in a Telestial world to a newborn child in Christ where he becomes your father and you are a child
- Christ is now your father
- So when it says these Lamanites knew it not, they didn't have the words to explain it
- You will never experience this unless you understand it and seek for it with every fiber of desire that you possess
- **Joseph Smith** *"might as well baptize a bag of sand as to baptize somebody by water without the accompanying baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost."*
- It is not performed by mortals. Done under the direction and/or by the Lord Jesus Christ
- **3 Nephi 9:20** "I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost"
- Have I received the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost?" Go to the Lord and you ask him
- 99% of the people are going to say that it is a process and not an event.
- Do you know why they're teaching that? Because it's upsetting for them to think that if it's an event and they haven't had it, then they are in jeopardy
- Precursor to the second comforter, making your calling and election sure
- **Helaman 5:17-18**, they preached with such power and authority, given to them by the spirit. Called the gift of tongues. Doesn't always mean speaking in a foreign language
- If there's a person speaking in tongues and there's no interpreter, translation, you can know that is coming from the wrong source
- But another way that you can speak in tongues is: as moved upon by the Holy Ghost
- **Helaman 5:19**, 8000 Lamanites baptized, convinced of the traditions of their fathers
- Nephi and Lehi were taken and thrown into prison. The same prison that Ammon and his brethren were cast into by the servants of Limhi
- **Helaman 5:22**, *"were encircled about as if by fire"*
- Because we haven't been encircled about as if by fire and, because we haven't had this experience, we want to wrest the Scriptures
- **Helaman 5:23**, *"They were standing in the midst of fire and were not burned."*
- **Helaman 5:24**, *"it burned them not,"*
- They have not had this experience before. Nephi and Lehi has not had this experience
- **Helaman 5: 27**, *"They that were in prison were Lamanites and Nephites," "who were dissenters."*
- These are baptized members of the church who for one reason or another have walked away from activity in the church
- Understand these people have a foundation and have made covenants with the Lord
- **Helaman 5:29**, *"seek no more to destroy my servants"*
- **Helaman 5:17**, *"they did preach with great power...confound many of those dissenters"*
- MLS missions, low hanging fruit, disenfranchised, members of church, who left church
- They've been baptized, made covenants, felt the spirit, get them to feel the spirit again
- I honestly believe that that's the reason why we have so many people leaving the church today is because they think they have already obtained something and they don't feel anything. You see that the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost is full of feeling
- **Helaman 5: 30**, *"They heard this voice..."*
- This is interesting because all around they've got thunder and tumultuous noise, earthquakes, prison walls shaking
- **Helaman 5: 30-32**, *"a still voice of perfect mildness"*
- What do you think it means the kingdom of heaven is at hand? The kingdom of heaven is terrestrial
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not the kingdom of heaven
- The kingdom of God is the physical kingdom that Joseph Smith is going to establish with the Council of 50 which was disqualified when the last member of the Council 50 died in 1949. And that was Heber J Grant. We have not built that up yet
- Means you have the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost you're going to enter into a newness of life and be what the Book of Mormon calls **alive in Christ**.
- Aminadab, he saw through the cloud of darkness the faces of Nephi and Lehi. **Verse 36**
- When you have your baptism of fire... You will see fire and your face will shine
- **Helaman 5: 38**, *"who is it with whom these men do converse?"*
- Nephi and Lehi now, even though their physical bodies are in that prison, they are not there. They are in another place. Speaking to Christ. They are in the terrestrial realm
- **Helaman 5:40**, *"What shall we do, that this cloud of darkness*

may be removed from us?"

- You are overshadowed with a *cloud of unbelief*
- **Helaman 5:41**, "You must repent and cry unto the voice, even until ye shall have faith in Christ, who was taught unto you" see, these folks have a foundation
- Alma, Amulek, and Zeezrom; they all heard those three men. They were also witnesses to Zeezrom's conversion.
- **Helaman 5:42**, "they did all begin to cry "
- **Helaman 5:43** "encircled about, yea every soul, by a pillar of fire."
- Out of the 15 million members of the church, how many do you think have experienced this? I think there are some, but I venture to say that the percentage is small
- And so we slipped into this *process* and we totally have abandoned the event
- **Helaman 5:44**, "they were encircled about...as if in the midst of a flaming fire"
- **D&C 121:26**, "unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost"
- Put right in there 'baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost,' because that's what it is, unspeakable. "That has not been revealed since the world was until now."
- **Helaman 5:44** "Not only joy unspeakable but they are now full of glory."
- These 300 men are now prepared to have a second comforter experience.
- When you have the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, you're knocking on the veil and the second comforter's experience is not far away
- The purpose of the baptism of fire is to transform.
- It not only changes you physically, but it quickens your spirit. Your spirit is not the same
- He wants you to come to him frequently. Every time you come to him, will experience the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost.
- You are living in the telestial world; you can't be here and not be spotted to a degree
- **Helaman 5:45**, "did enter into their hearts, and they were filled as it were with fire,"
- **Helaman 5:48-49**, "there were about 300 souls who saw and heard these things;"
- *It's not reasonable that such thing should happen.* You can lose it all through doubt
- **Helaman 5:50**, "They declared ...all the things which they had heard and seen" "The more part of the Lamanites were convinced of them, "
- You testify of these things. Have second comforter experience, entertain Angel, testify
- You have two groups, the chosen vessels and the residue
- **Helaman 5:51**, "As many as were convinced did lay down their weapons of war,"
- **Helaman 5:52**, "they did yield up unto the Nephites the lands of their possession"
- Yielding now ties in with what we call the law of consecration
- **Helaman 3:34**, "They were lifted up in the pride"
- Keys as how to obtain the baptismal fire: fasting, once a month by the way, is not fasting oft. pray at least three times a day as the Scriptures indicate, from *foundational primary prayer* to *mighty prayer*
- **Helaman 3: 35**, "yielding their hearts unto God."
- Number one, you are encircled by fire or a pillar of fire
- Number two, the presence of the ministrations of Angels

- Number three, you're going to obtain a remission of sins
- Four, purification of the heart by fire
- Five, speaking with the new tongue
- Six, sanctification
- **3 Nephi 9:11-12**, "*Nephi went down into the waters and was baptized. And he comes up out of the water and he baptized all those Jesus had chosen.*" That's the Twelve.
- They are seeing an example of the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost; is not happening to them
- **3 Nephi 19:13-15**
- **3 Nephi 19:24**, "*and they did not multiply many words, for it was given unto them what they should pray.*" Do you want to know what the next step is above fundamental, foundational, primary prayer...?
- In this prayer they are crying, unto the Lord. This is precursor to the baptism of fire
- **3 Nephi 19:25**, "*were as white as the countenance and also the garments of Jesus, and behold the likeness thereof did exceed all the whiteness, yea, even there could be nothing upon the earth so white as the whiteness thereof.*" That is the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost
- This is a plan set up between chosen vessels and the residue. Chosen vessels are ministered to by Angels and have the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost
- What does it mean to be out of the world? It means you have been lifted from a telestial to a terrestrial plane where Jesus
- Do you think our heavenly parents are displeased because they see these Twelve praying unto their beloved son?
- Did Peter James and John have the baptism of fire before Jesus left? The answer is no
- When did they get it? You can read about it over in Acts 2 and 3
- You never did have a society, from Adam up unto today that obtained what these Nephites did
- And isn't it marvelous that of all of the records, and I testify to you, there are many records on parchments and plates that are still hidden up in the earth in caves and hidden places that will come forth that we don't have
- What other record do you think would help you obtain that more than the book of Mormon? No wonder the church is under condemnation
- **Alma 9:18,19,21-23**
- When we move from the day of the Gentile to the day of Israel and start to see Melchizedek priesthood, patriarchal priesthood power poured out upon the earth. One of the gifts of that is translation
- We are on the *cusp* of the ordinance and gift of translation being restored among those who have paid the price
- **Mormon 5:16-18,22**, "*the Lord has reserved their blessings*"
- Fulfillment of **Alma 9**
- How have we done? How have we done as the Gentiles?
- Think members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Don't think people outside the church. Think Gentiles
- How are you going to escape the remnant of Jacob, how are you going to do that?
- If you don't have the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost and if you're not foreordained for other purposes, because there will be nonmembers that will come through, but the Gentiles... Meaning the members of the church know better. We know better
- And we been believing false doctrine, we have accepted false

traditions; it isn't taught on purpose, there is no conspiracy at the church level to deceive the Saints