

Holy Spirit Operation

Winnowing > Burning

Matthew 3:11-12 (NKJV)

[11] “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [12] “His winnowing fan (“shovel, fork” - Amp) is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.””

Mark 1:12-13 (AMP)

[12] Immediately the [Holy] Spirit [from within] drove Him out into the wilderness (desert), [13] And He stayed in the wilderness (desert) forty days, being tempted [all the while] by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him [continually].

Acts 10:36-38 (NKJV)

[36] “The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— [37] “that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

[38] “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Threshing represents

- difficult people**
- difficult situations**
- difficult assignments**

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

[1] Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. [2] As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV)

[10] For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect (“complete, mature”) through sufferings.

Difficult Situations.

- A. We get banged and bruised by situations, events, things that happen in this life, bad decisions, etc.**
 - 1. God won't prevent all of them / shield us from all of them. We need them to give us an opportunity to separate from the old nature.**

(Jesus said: in this world you will have trouble....)

Difficult Assignments.

Nothing will mature us like being asked to do something beyond our current skill set, or maturity level.

The Winnowing.

- **After, or along with the threshing,**
- **The Holy Spirit leads us into situations where we're taken out of being in control of the situation.**

2 Ditches:

- **Lazy, Careless, Complacent....**
- **Taking Control and forcing results / movement.**

The POINT:

God will intentionally take us out of control in a situation, so he can confront and deal with the old nature in us.

Replacing it with Faith, Trust, Peace, Teachableness, Kindness, Etc.

The Grain is gathered and stored for future use.

There is often a waiting period in our life, before we are planted in an area of ministry:

Reason #1:

We're dying to self / old nature.

- We're learning as others are beginning to consume the fruit of our lives.**

There are the 2 primary purposes for the Grain:

a. Feed others.

b. Plant it, so it reproduces itself to feed others.

There is often a waiting period in our life, before we are planted in an area of ministry:

Reason #2:

We need to learn how to fully die to ourselves when we are planted as a seed to minister and produce some realm of harvest:

John 12:23-26 (NIV)

[23] Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24] I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. [25] The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

**Then the chaff is burned up / killing the Old Nature /
Fleshly Desires.**

Romans 8:1-8 (AMP)

[1] THEREFORE, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit. [Jn 3:18.] [2] For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death.

[3] For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice], [Lev 7:37.]

[4] So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].

[5] For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.

[6] Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].

[7] [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.

[8] So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him.

Romans 8:12-14 (AMP)

[12] So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh.

[13] For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.

[14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

This process is the foundation for everything else he will do in our lives.

- Threshing**
- Winnowing**
- Gathering**
- Storage**
- Burning**

Hebrews 5:7-10 (NIV)

[7] During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. [8] Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered [9] and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him [10] and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NKJV)

[1] Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, [2] that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.