**Adult Sunday School**

April 22, 2012

**Salted with Fire**

Mark 9:49*—For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. (not a fire between us, a fire to clean us)*

De 32:4 *He is the Rock,* ***his work is perfect****: for* ***all his ways are judgment****: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

1. There is a need for a certain suffering

for every calling to make you perfect.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath **called** us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, **make you perfect**, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Rom.12:1-21; I Cor. 10:1-33; I Pe 4:1-19; II Pe 1:10;3:17-18

1. ***Every one*** *shall be salted with fire*.
   1. You can only perform properly by

(going through) **firery trials**.

1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

* 1. You can only perform spiritually, through the fire of the Holy Ghost.

Mt 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Lu 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: 17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

Isa 4:4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

Through the similitude of fire, he was to illuminate and invigorate the soul, penetrate every part, and assimilate the whole to the image of the God of glory.

* 1. You can only perform consistently by faith, through the fire of God’s love.

Song 8:6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

Ro 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Mt 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

1. There is a need for **God’s Perfect Judgment**

Isa 26:8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Song 3:1 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

The fire is the symbol of God’s perfect judgment.

1. God judges righteously
2. We are to judge righteously

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Pr 4:26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

* 1. Envision the path for your feet (Heb.12:13)
  2. COURSE---Prepare/Organize according to the truth
  3. Exercise diligently in the Way
  4. Execute justice with mercy and truth
  5. Personal convictions according to the truth.
* Convictions must be established in Bible Truths.

Ps 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Jer 5:1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

1. There is a need for Teaching and Instruction unto Perfection.

Mark 9:49*—For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt*

1. Every one of us need to be taught and instructed.
   1. We need to be taught the truth.
   2. We need to be taught Holiness.
   3. We need to be taught Righteousness.
   4. We need to be taught separation.
   5. We need to be taught **perfect judgment**
2. We are taught perfect judgment best by obeying the Word while going through the fire tests.

The Holy Ghost reveals Truth that is being taught.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

Jer. 36:23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words. 2-3;30-32

22:30 no man of his seed shall prosper…upon the throne of David

Some get

* + - 1. burnt with fire

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* 1. ***Every******sacrifice*** *shall be salted with salt*

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salted with fire

* Salted with The fire of God’s Spirit to purify
  + (fire of affliction and thorough self-denial)
* Salted with Hell fire
* Salted with salt
  + With Grace or wrath

Tried with fire here or hereafter. Self-denial and endurance of our Lord's will must be the salt and the fire of our sacrifice in this life, or else the endless woes of the wrath of God shall be both preserving salt and consuming fire to us in Hell.

It is far better to accept the light afflictions of today, than to endure the fierce flames of perdition forever.

What is the fire and salt of the Lord-**PERFECT** **JUDGMENT**

Those that present not themselves **living sacrifices to God's grace**, shall be made for ever dying sacrifices to his justice, and since they would not give honor to him, he will get him honor upon them; they would not be salted with the salt of divine grace

They would not admit their corrupt affections, they would not submit to the operation, could not bear the corrosives that were necessary to eat out the proud flesh, it was to them like cutting off a hand, or plucking out an eye; and therefore in hell they shall be salted with fire; coals of fire shall be scattered upon them (Eze 10:2), as salt upon the meat, and brimstone (Job 18:15), as fire and brimstone were rained on Sodom; the pleasures they have lived in, shall eat their flesh, as it were with fire, Jas 5:3.

The pain of mortifying the flesh is no comparison to the punishment for not mortifying it,

Compare salting with burning. Salt will hurt but will produce a cure; fire will purify or punish.

The fire of hell shall not be quenched, by the power of God it shall be made to last forever.

Those that are cast into hell, will find the fire to have not only the corroding quality of salt, but its preserving quality; whence it is used to signify that which is lasting: a covenant of salt is a perpetual covenant, and Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt, made her a remaining monument of divine vengeance.

This will certainly be the doom of those that do not crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts.

2Co 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Mr 9:50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? **Have salt in yourselves**, and have peace one with another.

The effects of the Gospel

Lu 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

1. Fire and Salt have to do with a process to purify and perfect our faith.
   1. Our faith is tried in the coals of fire of His love in us.
      1. Being tested in the fire of His love makes our faith pure.
   2. Our faith is tried by the influence of the salt of God’s love in us.
      1. Being proven with salt keeps us pure.
2. There will be suffering with no end.

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

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Isa 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for **their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh**.

1. A continual torment of conscience
2. which will always gnaw them
3. and never permit them to be at rest,
4. (The just recompense for the wicked)
   * 1. Those who look down on the thought that there is a God
     2. Those who despise and disobey His word

"Salted with fire" means everyone will be tried with fire.

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

1Pe 4:8 And above all things have **fervent charity** among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Rev. 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

1. There is a mixed multitude

Joh 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

The mixed crowd was gone, just her and Jesus,

Her condemnation was gone, just her and Jesus,

her sin was gone just her and Jesus

The hardest part of the trial is over,

getting by the unforgiveness of people.

Getting by the hypocrite, judgmental, sacrilegious, disrespectful, lukewarm and critical.

The Lord will get you by the sin of others if you let Him get you by your own sin.

They were not looking for sin to be judged, they were looking for a fault in Christ.

Lu 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

John 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him

John 9:9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

Looking for a man that is blind when God has healed him

Looking for a man that is blind when God has saved him

Ro 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

Joh 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Joh 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

Jas 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Jas 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

1Jo 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**Re 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

**21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.**

**22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

**Re 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.**

Let him hear; consider what is said, and receive the instruction which it is suited to impart; not go with the multitude after the beast, but continue, under all his persecutions, steadfast in the faith and practice of the gospel.

1. There is a need to always speak for Jesus

Col 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

A man with an experience, seasoned with the Word, Truth, Wisdom, veteran, tested and proven, weathered.

To season our conversation with salt; that is, we are to flavor and turn the conversation to tasteful and enjoyable subjects and away from corruptible and tasteless subjects.

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Jer 9:5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity. {deceive: or, mock}

1Ti 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Lu 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Mr 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Lu 14:34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

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Salt is an emblem of purity, integrity, and a continual experience. Goodness faith…

Salt preserves and keeps

Pride, hypocrisy, and sinful indulgence of every sort must be avoided, and humility, sincerity, and self-denial diligently cultivated,

a perpetual covenant--a perfect reconciliation and lasting friendship.

A covenant of salt simply means an unbreakable, indestructible covenant. It is established forever;

**Dedication**: a man must have the salt of discipleship which is self-denial, renunciation, the sacrifice and giving, of all one is and has

Full hearted choices

Penetrate and change the very thought (taste) of the earth.

1. Salt *purifies* , is distinctive, purity "unspotted from the world" godly and righteous
2. Salt preserves. It keeps things from going bad and decaying. It cleanses and disinfects.

Believers, just as salt, are to cleanse and preserve the world. They are to disinfect the world and keep the germs of the world from causing things to go bad. They are to save the world from corruption.

1. Salt penetrates. It inserts a new quality, substance, LIFE, It changes that upon which it is put
2. Salt compensates for what is lacking or needed. Helps to count the cost

1.  Search oneself and labor. Evaluate one's "*saltiness*," one's purity and usefulness.

2.  Be sure to be salted, to have salt. One must be pure and useful.

3.  Live in peace one with another. This is essential.

Salt, a reminder that God would keep His promises, His covenant, with His people

Le 2:13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

Nu 18:19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

2Ch 13:5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

1Ti 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

1Ti 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1Ti 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

1Ti 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, {fully...: or, been a diligent follower of}

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Tit 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Tit 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Tit 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2Jo 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

1Jo 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

De 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

De 32:36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

De 32:41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Pr 20:22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

Ro 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Ro 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Ro 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

1Pe 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.