

The Importance of Hunger

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There is an experience from God for all people that is more satisfying, more fulfilling than anything in existence. This experience is getting into the full presence of God. This experience is called the baptism and fire! This is an experience of being saturated with God's person. God becomes more real, more important than anybody or anything, more satisfying, and more fulfilling.

It was prophesied to happen:

- 1 Samuel 10:6 — And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
- Isaiah 28:11 — For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
 - The word “to” is not in the original language of the Bible.
 - The word “this” (Strong's H2088 - *zē*) also means through.
- Matthew 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.
 - The word “baptize” (Strong's G907 – *baptizō*) has the co-equal meaning in the Greek as “submerge.” The word “saturate” has the same meaning.
 - When a person is baptized with the Holy Ghost and Fire, they are saturated with God's Glory, goodness, fulfillment, and satisfaction.

Instructions to receive:

- Matthew 5:6 — Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- Mark 4:19 — And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
 - Get rid of anything that will hinder you from the true riches of God.
- John 6:35 — And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
 - The word “hunger” (Strong's G3983 – *peinaō*) also means: crave, starve.
- John 7:37-39 — In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 - The word “thirst” (Strong's G1372 – *dipsaō*) also means: to suffer, thirst, eagerly long for, those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, strengthened.
- Luke 11:13 — If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
 - The word “ask” (Strong's G154 – *aiteō*) also means: crave, desire, require.

Other Notes:

- Acts 1:5 — For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

- Acts 1:8 — But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- Acts 2:4 — And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.