

## Where There is Smoke There is Fire

Ex. 19:18  
2 Sam. 22:9

In April of 1988 the airline industry banned all smoking on commercial aircrafts – The medical industry conclusively proved people were getting cancer from inhaling secondary smoke. More over in June of 2006 smoking was banned from restaurants and public places.

California health officials said 46,000 California died from secondary smoke.

- Smoke is intrusive
- It causes damage even in our clothes and our skin
- It can be pungent but also aromatic

Spiritually speaking there are two kinds of smoke you and I will inhale, in America our daily living.

- 1) Smoke from the Holy Ghost movement across our city and world. The Holy Ghost is moving in a pungent and powerful way all across our land.
- 2) Smoke – from the antichrist movement in the earth. So one way or the other you and I will carry a smoking odor wherever we go.

The antichrist smoke is a distant odor you can smell anywhere you go.

1. This kind of smoke carries the odor of lawlessness towards accountable authority. You can smell it on people.
2. It's a smoking odor of fears, anxiety attacks, and the spirit of insanity on the people we love.
3. It's an odor of lost and sexual perversion you can smell on a person.
4. This antichrist smoking odor is also one of greed and pride and the need to control a relationship. And make no mistake about it, this is smoke from the movement of the end time antichrist.
5. And this smoke comes secondary odors that impacts you in ways you are not conscientious until you see a spiritual doctor.
6. Secondary spiritual smoke causes depression, loneliness, over eating, being a workaholic, and other sanctified addictions.

But there is a Holy Ghost movement in the earth that causes another kind of smoke that people can smell.

Read Lev 16:13, Rev 8:3-4, Ps. 141:2, Ex 30:8

- A) My praise my worship and my intercession are a smoke and incense before Almighty God.
- B) This kind of smoke carries an odor on you that man and God will smell.
- C) Because this kind of smoke carries an odor on you that man and God will smell.
  - 1) To renew your mind

- 2) To heal your body and heal your soul
  - 3) This kind of increase of Holy Ghost smoke that you create kills things in you that are not like God. So I ask the question – What are you smoking today, because where there is smoke there is supposed to be fire.
  - 4) I'm talking about a smoke of the Holy Ghost coming out of you.
  - 5) You see the smoke of your praise is God breathing your praise into His nostrils, so His mouth can send out fire into your mind and your soul and your body. Smoke went up to His nostrils and a fire from His mouth. All of this is the work of the Holy Ghost in prayer and praise.
  - 6) Your smoke of praise creates God's fire.
    - a. This fire devours laziness and apathy and indifference in us when we release the smoke of praise
    - b. He gives us his passion and fresh joy in our living circumstances when he releases fire from his mouth, but we need to get the odor of praise on us today.
    - c. Is on our people can smell, on you. Because all odors can affect the mood of a room (Point to display items)
    - d. This kind of smoke causes God's fire to kill pride and arrogance in me. Because where there is smoke there's fire.
    - e. His fire changes my heart and my desires.
    - f. His fire by your smoke of praise will give you an odor, attitude and fortitude to pursue after him more than the business world does money and product. (talk about this – when I worked in spirits marketing watching how teams executed their product with vigor, precision, and high passion for professionalism.
    - g. Some of us are trying to offer praise and service to God without an attitude of joyful sacrifice or without self-denial of the flesh with no fasting. The bible causes this strange fire.
    - h. Cain had this problem. Saul had this problem. Their smoke did not produce a fire of new joy, new strength or humility because of their strong opinions and cuddling stubbornness. Because where there is smoke there's fire.
      - Your smoke is supposed to produce God's fire to kill depression to kill loneliness and kill anger and anxieties.
      - The smoke of praise and prayer is supposed to produce a purifying fire in your motives and secret ambitions.
      - Why is all of this important? Because the odor you carry determines the people and demands you attract in your daily life!!
      - The demons smelled the 7 Sons of Sceva and said Paul we know, Jesus we know, but who are you. The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord. Your praise, your worship, and intercession create an odor to your loved ones one way or the other.
- Read (AMP)Ps. 14:2, Ps, 63:1, Song of Sol 1:13, 2 Sam 22:2-16
- David prayed this way after a major victory.
  - God said some of us have lost our passion of our smoke to pursue God sacrificially.
  - This causes God to release fire from his mouth to renew and restore and to heal us through prayer and praise.
    1. For renewing in our spirit
    2. Direction for our lives

3. Your smoke causes God to exhale fire on the high places of other loves in your life. And God releases fire to intervene in our human relationships. So then where there is smoke there is fire!! God takes our smoke and exhales fire from our praying or hurting people I call this gap praying.

Read Rev. 8:4-5

2 Chron. 30:18-20 You become a gap stander

- Ez. 22:30 talks about it. It's a military term for an enemy pounding away at his opponents until he breaches it. The gap stander risks his life to breach the gap to fortify the wall. Then through prayer he builds a hedge on top of the breaching the wall. That's going specifically after God and Satan for hedging up my family and my loved ones, no matter what happens to the world. God honored this with Abraham in Gen. 19 vs. 5 Lot called the brethren.
- He did not realize the danger he was in. He had some smoke but no fire in his apostolic lifestyle.
- He was too weak morally and spiritually to pull himself out of the enemy's grip.  
Vs. 10-11 – All from the intercessors' prayers which was Abraham.
- Vs. 12-13 – This is the smoke and fire from prayer this is the urgency of God today for us.
- V 14 – His sons in law mocked him because they saw smoke but no fire from Lot's prayer life. They did not take Lot serious. They smelled an odor on Lot that caused them to not take him serious!!!
- Vs. 15 – Notice the angels urged Lot. They are there because of the smoke and fire intercession of Abraham.
- Vs. 16 – Lot lingered. He was clueless to the eminent danger of his surroundings.
- Vs. 17 – Escape for your life, read vs. 29
- I'm here to awaken the intimacy of prayer in you today and warn you of the fire of God's exhaling presence on our city and nation
- Yet one man (Abraham) who had smoke and fire delayed judgment on an entire city.
- So smoke went up into God's nostrils from our praise, our prayer and intercession.
- And devouring fire from His mouth to kill unchristlike character in me and make me a gap stander. All to spare my family and my church and my city.
- The people of Hezekiah were not cleansed or sanctified, but one man's prayers cleansed them. Hezekiah first had smoke called praise to attack the king. Then God's fire came next.

## Close

- How can I be a gap stander and a hedge builder?
  - How can I get my smoke of praise to become the fire from God's mouth
1. Come out for 5am July prayer
  2. Take a day of fasting this week with us
  3. Come to an altar and don't leave here until your hearts changed
  4. Pray as a family in your house
  5. Show up for pre-service prayer and Wednesday night 6pm prayer
  6. Start practicing sacrificial praise by stretching yourself. Is not God worth you pursuing him with passion like the business world does their God.
  7. Start interceding more and less talking to loved one or saints who choose to not listen to your advice.

8. Let God minister to your daily physical need through prayer. This means open up your spirit and admit that only God can help where I'm lacking. He's the only one that can really meet my needs.
9. Be available to God for praying for the pain of others in your life.

California forest fires cost Americans billions of dollars and destroys and displaces hundreds of thousands of homes. All because smoke and fire consume the habitat of whole neighborhoods.

What would happen if we unleash on hell and this atmosphere our smoke with God's fire on hell today? We could push the habitation of evil away from our loved ones, co-workers, and saints.

Make up your mind which smoke odor will come out of you right now.

2 Chron. 16:9

Ex. 19:18

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