

## The Spirit of Judgment and Spirit of Burning Study

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God has given us in His word the principles which if adhered to and cherished, being implemented in the life would bring health benefits—mentally and physically—and strengthen the spiritual life of the individual<sup>1</sup>

Yet, the Lord is very desirous and eager to take His people beyond this to a place of perfection, before probationary time closes on our world—it first will close on God’s people, before the world. He has laid out the path and process in detail to all who would avail themselves of His gracious gift. But it will require of them the following:

- 1) We learn to hear or distinguish His voice from that of a stranger.<sup>2</sup>
  - a. This involves that we talk with Him as with a friend, as Moses did in the mount.
  - b. We act upon what He tells us, that is we obey His voice.<sup>3</sup>
- 2) Full cooperation with Him in the work of cleansing our root issues.<sup>4</sup>
- 3) Expressing praise to Jesus for His great work in the heavenly temple in our behalf.<sup>5</sup>
  - a. The spirit of thanksgiving and praise should always shower out devotional time with Christ, especially when we talk with Him about those things out of harmony with Him and His Father (i.e., ungodly characteristics tied to our childhood).

This is not an easy issue and most of God’s people will not even consider dealing with this matter. It is just not convenient. Most feel it is just too painful and they just don’t have the courage. But the good news is that it is possible, and the Lord expects us in this last generation to gain the victory for our own best interest.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Based on 3 John 2
  2. Passages in support of hearing His voice: John 10:1-3, 5, 7, 8; Heb 3:7, 15
  3. {In the event we act like a yo-yo, sometimes listening to His voice and other times not, though you may repent, if you continue in this way, it will eventually lead to an unbalanced mind (you become instable mentally) Jam 1:6-8. But most of the time we get discouraged when we fail. Do not “beat” yourself up on this, but calmly in your repenting, let the Lord Jesus give you His mind to heal your instability and He will gladly do it.
  4. Support passages: John 15:2,4; Eph 2:4, 5, 10; Gal 2:20; Phil 2:12, 13
  5. Psalm 100:2, 4
  6. Note Rev 3:18-20; 1 Pet 1:15 and Matt 5:48

The Pen of Inspiration records this direct and serious reality:

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.”<sup>7</sup>

If we put off this work, and do not prepare “the soul temple” for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, putting away “every defilement” our characters will contain spots and stains which will bring a ruinous condition to ourselves at last. But the Lord does not desire for us to put off or delay. It is only when we build on the Rock, Christ Jesus, that we are safe. We must learn to hear His voice and cooperate fully.

### SPIRIT OF JUDGMENT

There are only two passages in all Scripture, in the Old Testament where this phrase is recorded, both in Isaiah:

Isaiah 4:4      Isaiah 28:6

But let us look at the verses prior to these passages to understand context. Examining this first passage in Isaiah 4, this is what the Lord has revealed.

ISAIAH 4:2,3

Those “written among the living in Jerusalem” refer to the remnant whose names have been written in the Book of Life.<sup>8</sup>

This is known as the time when the remnant, those “escaped of Israel,” who are “left in Zion,” are those who will stand during the time of trouble. The 144,000 who stand on “the sea of glass” for they have overcome with the Lamb.<sup>9</sup>

Vs.4: “When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and hath purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning.”<sup>10</sup>

This group who overcome completely in the “Judgment of the Living” process are sealed when “the Lord shall have washed away the filth” of this group, known as “the daughters of Zion.” Why daughters? For the same reason we have the parable of the 10 Virgins (Matt 25). It is those virgins who are ready for the marriage of the Bridegroom.

God’s faithful people—His remnant people are regarded as the five wise virgins—the daughters of Zion. Why Zion? It’s the Mount of Deliverance that the 144,000 stand on.<sup>11</sup>

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8. Psalm 69:28; Daniel 12:1; Luke 10:20b; Rev 3:5)

9. Isaiah 4:2,3; Rev 6:17–7:4; Rev 14:1; 15:2

10. The “spirit of burning” is in tandem with the “spirit of judgment” (see Mal 3:1-4 as cross-reference)

11. Revelation 14:1; Joel 2:32; Obadiah 1:17

These phrases in Isaiah 4 above are all different descriptions describing God’s victorious people.

The “washing away the filth” involves the Sanctuary—the Lavar, and then the Lampstand, Table of Shewbread, and Altar of Incense—the process of washing us of our root issues,<sup>11</sup> that “filth” back to childhood, even the womb.<sup>11</sup> It involves the entire sanctuary and our cooperation with the Lord at each furniture in order for the Lord to wash away all this filth.

The Lord desires us to come and reason together as Isaiah states (1:18). He wants to bring us to the point we don’t react because of habit to what others say or do, but to filter everything through the frontal lobe of the brain (the decision-making part of our brain), thus we can respond in a sanctified manner which glorifies God and not ourselves.

#### ISAIAH 28:6

This phrase in Isaiah 28:6 conveys a deeper and more profound truth than meets the casual reader. Vs. 6: “And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them...” Three points are here in order.

First, the context is the initial indicator the phrase “a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment” does not convey the meaning one may think on first glance. Both verse 5 and 6b indicate 6a is a positive statement or favorable, not a negative one.

Secondly, the phrase or word we need to cross reference is this word “sitteth:”

- Judges 5:9-11 indicates also a favorable use of the phrase “sit in judgment.”
- Further, the phrase “sit upon my throne” as in 1 Kings 1:13-48 (no less than 8x mentioned) indicates judgment in a positive sense—King Solomon reigns on his father’s throne.
- 1 Kings 8:25 in Solomon’s dedicatory prayer we find this phrase again, but with significant meaning.
- Solomon in His prayer of dedication asks the Lord to keep His promise He made to his father David, “a man to sit on the throne of Israel,” in order that “thy children take heed to walk before me.”
- Solomon continues supplication that the Lord will dwell in the temple he built for God’s presence. In vs. 30 and 31, a picture in type of the daily and yearly service is illustrated:
  - That God would forgive when His people pray (Daily, Courtyard & Holy Place)
  - To acquit or condemn a man in judgment accused of trespassing against his neighbor via oath taking (Yearly, MHP)

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12. These “root issues” which are ingrained in each of our brains, back to childhood, are the record of all our experiences, emotions, feelings, good and bad since we were in the womb. The root issues we are discussing are those which are due to wrong responses—evil propensities which have a record in the amygdala (the almond shaped organ in the brain, located in each hemisphere). This paper is an attempt at giving the reader sufficient understanding of the subject, that through an abiding friendship with Jesus, he/she can learn to recognize His voice, and cooperate with Him in this most important work, the cleansing of the amygdala, during the closing scenes of the Day of Atonement.

Thirdly, the word in Hebrew for sit/sitteth, “yashab” H3427 actually means –to dwell, remain, abide, inhabit, as well as to sit, tarry, set, place. There are hundreds of references in Old Testament for the primary definition –to dwell. The word “inhabit” (inhabitant and abide) comprise hundreds more references “yashab” is defined as “sit” more than 170 x in O.T.

Some Key passages one may note for

*dwell—*

- Gen 3:18 -- And Abram removed his tent and came and dwelt<sup>H3427</sup> in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron and built there an altar unto the Lord.
- Exo 15:16, 17 –[typology for God’s people]”till [they] pass over, Thou hast purchased . . .” and thou bring them in and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance in the plain, O Lord, thou hast made for Thee to dwell<sup>H3427</sup> in, the Sanctuary Thy hands have established.”
- Num 35:34 –Defile not the land which ye shall inhabit, where in I dwell<sup>H3427</sup> for I the Lord dwell<sup>H3427</sup> among the children of Israel.

*Sit/Sitteth—*

- Exo 11:5 –Pharaoh that sitteth<sup>H3427</sup> upon his throne.
- 1 King 1:30 –Solomon would sitteth<sup>H3427</sup> as King on the throne of Israel.
- Ps 47:8 –God sitteth<sup>H3427</sup> upon the throne of His holiness.
- Ps 110:1 –The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit<sup>H3427</sup> thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- Prov 20:8 –A king that sitteth<sup>H3427</sup> in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with His eyes.
- Isa 6:1 –I saw also the Lord sitting.<sup>H3427</sup>
- Isa 16:5 –In mercy shall the throne be established and he shall sit<sup>H3427</sup> upon it in truth in the tabernacle.

*Remain/Remaineth*

- Isa 32:16 –Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness and righteousness remain<sup>H3427</sup> in the fruitful field
- Lam 5:19 –Thou, O Lord, remainest<sup>H3427</sup> forever, thy throne from generation to generation.

Thus, in looking at these various texts with sit/sitteth and remain/(eth) we have a clearer understanding of the meaning of Isa 28:6, which says that the Lord of hosts will be “for a spirit of judgment” to the “residue of His people” who “sitteth in judgment.”

## Conclusion

In bringing this study to a close, we have learned what is meant by the “spirit of judgment” and the “spirit of burning” in terms of the last generation. God would have us learn to hear His voice and cooperate with Him in this work of cleansing. This work involves cleansing, specifically, our root issues, which are recorded in the amygdala, the almond shaped organ in both hemispheres of the brain.

Then we looked at the passages in Isaiah 4:4 and 28:6, the only two references in the entire Bible where this phrase, “spirit of judgment” is recorded. We looked in detail at what it really conveys to us at the end of this world’s history, during the “Judgment of the Living.”

Finally, we will look at Isaiah 28 in which this ‘spirit of judgment’ passage (vs.6) is located. Isaiah 28:1-21 reveals an amazing chiastic structure with a number of profound truths, but with a pinnacle passage that involves the cleansing during the ‘Judgment of the Living’ process. The next page reveals this chiasm. Study it closely for it gives a bird’s eye picture of these great realities. I praise God for this revelation.

## This is the Rest and the Refreshing

### Isaiah 28:1-18

- A Warning to Ephraim -Crown of Pride -vs.1-3  
(Judgment Described & Executed)
- B Lord of Hosts –a crown of glory (His Righteousness) -vs.5  
unto the residue of His people
- C A spirit of Judgment to him set in Judgment -vs.6
- D and for strength to turn the battle to the gate -vs.6
- E Precept upon Precept, precept upon precept -vs.10
- F **This is the rest wherewith**
- G **you may cause the weary to rest** -vs.12
- F **And this is the refreshing**
- E Line upon Line; line upon line; here a little, -vs.13  
there a little
- D Behold, I lay a foundation in Zion, a tried stone, -vs.16  
a precious stone: the believer will not be hasty
- C Judgment He lays to the line<sup>1</sup> -vs.17
- B and righteousness to the plummet<sup>2</sup> -vs.17
- A Judgment executed against (apostate religious leaders) -vs.18  
–Covenant of death

1. Measuring line
2. levelling tool