"God Breaks Into The World of Men "

Mark 1:9-10

In Mark 1:9-10 the spiritual powers opposed to God's rule try to prevent the Holy Spirit from entering the world. Satan is what the enemy is called, which means adversary, accuser. The adversary of God seeks to prevent the Kingdom of God from having any kind of supremacy in the world and the life of men and women. So, from the very beginning, the spiritual war was conducted and fought on a spiritual level.

It was necessary from the beginning of the ministry of Jesus that the power of the Holy Spirit be established and demonstrated. This exhibition of God's power told Jesus that God was not only watching over Him but was involved in Jesus' ministry from its very genesis.

The actions of the Holy Spirit were profoundly consequential in that the Holy Spirit made a statement about the Spirit's power and authority in the world. This act on the part of the Holy Spirit announced the sovereign rule of God in the world and the ministry of Jesus.

In the eyes of Jesus, this gave divine sanction to His presence in the world. When the Holy Spirit ripped open the heavens, the Holy Spirit announced His omnipotence and the Spirit's determination and commitment to God's plan of salvation.

This act by the Holy Spirit should bring comfort to our lives. It should tell us that the Spirit's involvement in our lives is just as real and important. This display of power in the life and ministry of Jesus reflects the commitment and love that God has for our lives, both spiritually and physically.

It is this kind of scripture that can bring comfort and give us the faith to pray with the expectation that God can and will act in the power of the Holy Spirit on our behalf. This act of the Holy Spirit serves notice that there is always a supernatural agent of God acting on our behalf to intervene in those times of doubt and moments of questioning that life so often brings about. This power of God displayed at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus was given to ensure Jesus' ministerial success. This same power is available to us to guarantee our success as well.

What I find so powerful is the action of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit announced to Jesus, and He, in turn to us. Nothing can prevent God's purpose for any life from being manifested. That God's purpose will unfold. In tearing the heavens open, the Holy Spirit announced that the Spirit would shatter any limitations the adversary would attempt to impose upon. The Spirit would break down and destroy any barrier that impedes God's plan for your life and redemption.

Can you imagine Jesus looking up into the heavens and watching the Holy Spirit unleash the Spirit's power in a display of love and commitment to the mission He was on?

What kind of faith would we develop and ultimately have if we could trust and believe that the same power that the Holy Spirit unleashed into the life of Jesus is available to us and for us? If we are the sons and daughters of God, why wouldn't God do the same thing for us? Why would God, upon

seeing a yielding and surrendered son or daughter, say, “This is my beloved son or daughter in whom I am well pleased?”

This profound act of intervention by the Holy Spirit merely serves as an example of what God will do for those who love and serve Him. We are His creation, and we are loved by the Creator of this universe. As a result, Mark 1:9-10 is a statement of what God is willing to do for those who love Him.

I would be remiss if I did not uncover the parallel between the Holy Spirit entering the world, which was symbolic of God ushering into the world of men and women a new era of looking at life and living. When we accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we too, were ushered into a new era. An age where the world was no longer viewed from the same natural lens of a broken and fallen humanity. But from a set of eyes guided by a spirit that has been reborn, recalibrated, and renewed. We no longer look at things as we used to because the Holy Spirit has made us new.

When the Holy Spirit broke into the world and lives of men and women, the Spirit announced there would be nothing that could prevent the Spirit of God from bringing about the redemption of men and women both spiritually and physically. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen you.

Blessings,
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