

“They have cast fire into Thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of Thy name to the ground.” Psalms 74:7 KJV



Temptation's fiery dart ignites in the tinder of desire, but the water of God's Word will quench it. *“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.”* Jesus said, *“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”* Jesus prayed, *“Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.”* Faith immerses the believer in the everlasting fountain of God's Word, where no fiery dart can have any effect! When we neglect the study and meditation of God's Word, like a forest in a drought, we become prime tinder for any spark! Any forest firefighter will tell you, one of the most important things they can carry is drinking water. There is no lack of fiery darts in the world. Even those that get in can be quenched easily with the *“Water of the Word.”* Obedience is the fire suit of the believer, but disobedience leaves the believer vulnerable to the searing heat of wickedness. Neglect of the Word is disobedience. *“Study to show thyself approved unto God. Thou shalt meditate therein day and night.”* When did you last *“study or meditate?”* Evil never abates its attack on the believer which is why we need the *“full armour of God.”* We walk in an inferno. Only God's Word can protect the *“sanctuary.* *What? Know ye not that your body is the TEMPLE of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”* The spirit controls the body through obedience. You cannot obey what you do not know. When we allow our hearts to dry out into a tinder forest by neglecting God's Word, the first evil spark that falls will burn down our *“sanctuary!”* The forest may not always burn, but neither will grow without water.

May the fire within my heart,
Not be Satan's fiery dart,
Let it be sweet Heaven's glow,
God's Word of Truth that I know. ~CGP

What burns in your soul? The Holy Oil of the Spirit of Truth, or the crackling flames of evil desire? Are you a lamp of Holy Oil, or furnace of desire? You know which and why!

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.” James 1:13-16 KJV