

19. The Pillar of Fire

Your next season inside the Holy of Holies, inside of all that is God through faith, will be to dwell in perfect rest inside the Ark of the Covenant, inside Christ inside of you. It is here, inside the Ark of the Covenant, inside the heart of God, that is the only place where transformation is found.

Your emergency rescue through the outer court and holy place taught you that no transformation comes either from your human effort to “please God” or from your identifying with the “things of God” in your experience.

Transformation comes only INSIDE of Jesus.

On the Sun. Here is a picture of a pillar of fire on the sun, similar to those pillars of fire seen upon the earth by our forefathers.

[A picture of a solar “tornado.” Credit:left, G. Scharmer, L. Rouppe van der Voort (KVA) et al., SVST: right, copyright 2001, Reel EFX. Inc.]

One Source. There is only one source for any true transformation, and that is the Pillar of Fire upon the Mercy Seat, the Fire that is God.

In order to understand and believe in the transforming power of the Fire that is God even while you rest in perfect peace inside of Jesus carrying you utterly, you must know what this great Fire is in the gospel. – **For our God is a consuming fire; let brotherly love continue** (Hebrews 12:29-13:1).

The result of that consuming Fire that is God is loving one another with pure hearts fervently – God seen and known.

Energeia. There is a word in the New Testament that depicts this God as Fire inside of us, but that word has been hidden from us by the translators and theologians. God-Fire, in the New Testament, is Energeia, **the Energeia of God, energioing inside of us.**

When you think of this Pillar of Fire in the Tabernacle, think of the Energeia of God in the gospel, and when you think of the Energeia of God in the gospel, energioing away inside of you, think of this Pillar of Fire.

And think of your Daddy, the Father, out from Whom you come every moment, out from His knowing of you.

You Cannot. Here is why you MUST rest in Jesus living now as you.

Every thought you have in your mind about a person who is connected directly with God Himself as a mighty Fire, what that person looks like or acts like, is WRONG. You cannot transform yourself because you will be getting rid of how God made you and keeping as “godly” what God does not mean, that is, pretending.

If you want to know what a person looks like, who is filled to overflowing with mighty God-Fire, just look at your brother and sister. You are seeing humans, in everything a human means. Highly value them and love them – God!!!

You Really Can’t. And here is what you MUST KNOW about love.

You can’t. You don’t. You won’t. And you ought not to try. God alone is love. And you will love only as you rest utterly inside of your Father, confident that it is always He loving through you, regardless of what you see, think, or feel.

The Fire in which you now live is Love, that is, Father. And Father in and through you is the only Love in the universe. Father wants to be Himself for real through you, but He cannot be unless you are for real inside of Him.

Pretending alienates you from God; rest in and confidence towards Jesus as your LIFE makes you part of Christ.

Some Energeia Verses. We now want to look briefly at this God-Fire operating inside of us and upon us right now, according to the gospel, so that we can know what is happening to us here, inside of the Covenant.

Inside this same Jesus, we were given place by divine choice, having already been pre-determined according to God's set-forth purpose, Christ, Who is energioing all down to the finest details of the counsel and deliberate wisdom arising out from God's desire... (Ephesians 1:11).

– the One who is able above all to do hyper-abundantly more than we ask or think, according to the power energioing inside of us (Ephesians 3:20).

– The surpassing greatness of His power into us. For we are actively believing out from the Energeia of His mighty and absolute strength which He energioed inside of Christ (Ephesians 1:19-20).

Accomplish your salvation to full completion in fear and trembling, for God is the present and active energioing inside of you, both to desire and to energio for the sake of good pleasure and satisfaction (Philippians 2:12-13).

...I labor, contending according to His Energeia energioing in power inside of me (Colossians 1:29).

Having already been fully buried with Him inside of immersion, in which you were raised together with Him through the faith of the Energeia of God, the One having raised Him out from the dead (Colossians 2:12).

Energeioing Away. The mighty Energeia of God energieoing away inside of you is a simple fact of your normal and everyday human life. It is also stupendous and glorious beyond measure, yet it is simple and true.

The Fire of God, energieoing inside of you, is doing in you all that you need to be the revelation of God. Even your faith in Christ is coming out from that mighty Energeia of God every moment.

Even more than that, what God wants, His will and direction for your life every moment, is and has already turned His desire into your own personal choices, for the good pleasure of both you and Him together.

Rivers of Living Water. Now, we included Paul's statement that he ministers Christ out from the Energeia of God energieoing inside of him.

This verse in Colossians 1, then, is Paul's way of saying the same thing Jesus said in John 7:37-38. **If anyone thirsts, let him come towards Me and drink. He who believes into me, as the Scripture has said, Rivers of living water will overflow out from his belly [his womb, his innermost being].**

This energia of God/River of life flowing out happens for us all the time, regardless, because we believe in Jesus. You are not ready, however, to move actively with that river, not yet.

Completing the Second Season. You must first complete this second season inside the Holiest and then chose to do the most important thing you will ever do for God, that is, turn around, first.

If you try to move outwardly in the expression of this energeoing of God/river of life before you turn around inside of God, then all your efforts will serve only to disconnect you from God and attach you to the things of God back out in the Holy Place.

Right now you must rest utterly inside of Jesus, allowing Him to be all your outward appearance, here inside the Fire of God, until you KNOW, all through your being, Father WITH you.

Your Salvation. Paul said – **Accomplish your salvation to full completion in fear and trembling.** Paul means the very opposite of “try hard to obey.”

Let me define “your salvation” as it really is. Your SALVATION is – Father with you. Your Salvation IS – no disconnection from that Pillar of Fire that is God – ever.

The very moment you imagine “*choosing God’s will and not your own,*” you have viciously and violently cut Father off and away from yourself.

No consciousness of sins means – FATHER WITH YOU.

God IS. God is the present and active energeoing inside of you, both to desire and to energeo for the sake of good pleasure and satisfaction.

God is, God is, God is. Live inside the consciousness that God IS, until you know that it is the only thing true, regardless.

You see, it's not your faith that makes you alive together with Jesus, one Pperson with Him, but God's faith, the faith of the Energeia of God. The faith that makes you part of Jesus and Jesus part of you is a faith greater than the entire universe.

Living inside of Fire. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring Fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly...
(Isaiah 33:14-15).

To live inside of God is to live inside of FIRE – forever. Yet this is where you are right now. And Isaiah is asking you personally – How can you be living here?

Only ONE is righteous and upright and that is Christ, the only life you are. The moment you see yourself as needing to “become righteous,” you have severed yourself from Christ and placed yourself back among the unbelievers.

REST, rest, learn to rest utterly inside of Jesus in the Fire.

Rest inside the Fire. This is the CONTENTIONS of the Almighty, contending with you! – Rest inside of Jesus inside the Fire.

You are frustrated and you say something angry that hurts one you love. Ask forgiveness, of course, BUT – Rest utterly inside of Jesus inside the Fire. Someone calls you a “man” or “woman of God.” Turn away from them, of course, BUT – Rest utterly inside of Jesus inside the Fire.

When you are low, when you are high, when you do well, when you do poorly, when bad things or good things happen to you – Rest utterly inside of Jesus inside the Fire.

Filled with All of God. What does that mean? How can we do such a thing?

There is only one way I know; I must speak the truth to myself, especially when I am at my worst. Here is the truth – Father you fill me full with ALL You are.

For the first few years I lived inside the Holiest, inside of the joyous wonder of my full and present union with Christ, the line I spoke to myself about myself was – “Christ is my life; I have no other life. Christ is all there is in me.” But in this second season inside the Holiest, I would say to myself throughout the day, and especially when I woke in the night feeling my worst – “I am filled with all of God.”

Father, You Fill Me Full. I said to myself, “I am filled with all the fullness of God,” in every combination of the words. – “Father, You are so close, You fill me full with Yourself.” – “My God, You are utterly with me; I am filled full with You.”

And then I would rest inside the absolute certainty of those words, that God is telling me the truth. I would rest inside my Father, inside His Love, inside of FIRE. And as I did so, slowly over time, bit by bit, wondrous things began to happen inside of me, in my KNOWING.

From the time I was a young man, studying my Bible to know God, I marked one verse as the desire of my heart.

KNOW Father with You. The one loving Me will be loved by My Father; And I will love him and will appear and make Myself visible to him. –If anyone loves Me, My word he will keep [guard and watch over], and My Father will love him, and we will come to and will make Our home with him in intimate closeness (John 14:21 & 23).

Father with me, at home in my heart – the only thing I have ever truly wanted.

FIRE – rest in that Fire. Your entire Christian life up until now has one purpose, that you might KNOW Father with you.