Fire Falling From Heaven (2nd Kings 1:10)

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INTRODUCTION

- I have a baptism to undergo. And how distressed I am until it is accomplished.
- Here Jesus says no. I tell you no. But rather divisions. For from now on, five members in one household will be divided.
- Most people reading this text might be puzzled that Jesus actually said it.

1 Isn't Jesus the Prince of Peace?

Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14; Ephesians 2:13–14

- And his name will be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, eternal Father, Prince of peace.
- Glory to God in the highest. And on earth, peace among men, with whom he is pleased.
- You who were formerly far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.
- But that does not mean that all men will experience the blessings of this peace.
- God's peace is for those who seek peace.
- We the recipients of peace should then seek peace and pursue it.

2 They Reject the Right Way

Matthew 23:37–38; Luke 12:50

- One of the reasons why everyone does not experience the wonderful provision of God's peace is because they reject the right way.
- And because they reject the right way, they rejected the one who came to declare and show the right way.
- Just as a mother hen would envelop her chicks under her wings. So Jesus would want to do with these rebellious children. But he said, they are unwilling.
- Jesus is about to undergo a baptism. It was intense, it was overwhelming. It was a submerging and plunging into great suffering.
- It wasn't a little sprinkling of some tough times that Jesus experienced, but an immersion into the most intense kind of suffering.

3 So Many Are Unwilling to Listen

Mark 3:31–35; Matthew 19:12; Matthew 9:12–13

- How can people reject the prince of peace? Because so many are unwilling to listen to the provisions and instruction of the Christ.

- Family's everything. No, it's not. Physical family is not everything.
- Everyone who hears the word of God, that is my mother and my brother.
- He who is able to accept this, let him accept it.
- It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.
- Are you of a disposition to embrace the master's will at every turn?

4 Not Peace for Absolutely Everybody

Matthew 10:34

- Everything in the New Testament isn't love, joy, peace, forgiveness, salvation, happiness. For absolutely everybody.
- People that you love very deeply. People who are extremely close to you. Some of those people will not sign on to be my servants.
- I did not come to bring peace, but to bring a sword.
- Because I'll tell you what men don't like. Even if it comes from people that they care about and love. They don't like to hear that they're wrong.
- Don't be shocked. When members of your own family will not choose to walk the path that you've chosen.
- His message pierces to our very souls. To our very motives and affections.

THE CHALLENGE

And we preach to urge you not to be numbered in that group.

MY NOTES