

The Mountaintop – The High and Holy Place

(Isaiah 57:15 NKJV) “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

(Psalms 91:1 NKJV) “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

There is a place where God dwells. It is a high and holy place. He has given entrance into it to the humble in spirit, those who bow the knee to Christ. It can be a place of extraordinary faith, even great faith!

Old Testament Mountain Top Faith is a **Fiery Faith**

Elijah – A Man of Mountaintop Faith

(1 Kings 18:17-24 NKJV) “Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “Is that you, O troubler of Israel?” {18} And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals. {19} “Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” {20} So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. {21} And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. {22} Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred and fifty men...”

1. Elijah’s faith knew no boundaries, and cared nothing about the odds against it.

The odds were 850 to 1. No, make that 850 to 2. God was with Elijah. Therefore, Elijah was in the majority! In addition, Elijah had theocratic authority that went beyond any vote!

*{23} “Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. {24} “Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers **by fire**, He is God.” So all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.””*

2. Elijah's was mountaintop faith. He knew no fear. His faith could challenge every enemy of God.

(Psalms 97:1-6 NKJV) "The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad! {2} Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. {3} A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about. {4} His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles. {5} The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. {6} The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory."

Mountaintop faith is mountain-melting faith. Your faith can be so strong it causes the mountains before you to melt like soft, warm candles under the fiery touch of the Master's hand.

- Mountaintop faith is fully backed by the sovereign instrument of indisputable, authority and power – the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Mountaintop faith moves heaven in all its authority, to act upon your command – through His holy name. Elijah knew the power he was about to tap into.

"Then you call on the name of your gods,



Elijah

*and I will call on the name of the LORD;
and the God who answers by fire, He is God."*
(Verse 24)

*(John 14:13-14 NKJV)
"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
{14} "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."*

(1 Kings 18:25-39 NKJV) "Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." {26} So they... prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. {27} And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is

busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” {28} So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. {29} And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention... {32} Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar... {33} And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, “Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.” {34} Then he said, “Do it a second time,” and they did it a second time; and he said, “Do it a third time,” and they did it a third time. {35} So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. {36} And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. {37} “Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.”

{38} Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. {39} Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!””



*“Pour it on...
Do it a second
time.
Do it a third time.”*

Add it up:
Four waterpots =
80-100 gallons
Poured 3 times =
240-300 gallons

Everything was
soaked. It was
impossible for it to
burn.

**When it is
impossible, God
answers by fire!**

3. Mountaintop faith burns with an unquenchable fire... and has the capability to move God to answer by fire!



When **fiery faith** is in action, your particular moment of battle becomes like a sacrifice soaked in living waters.

- You can wash it with the Word of God.
- You can flood it with the anointing.
- You will surely see the fire fall!

(1 Kings 18:40 NKJV) “And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!” So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.”

4. Mountaintop faith **answers by fire** and utterly consumes every enemy of God.

Point 1.

Mountaintop faith is all consuming faith!

It is faith, ignited in His name that brings a **holy flame**.
Mountains will melt like wax.

Mountaintop Faith in the New Testament

(1) **A Fiery Faith...** (2) **A Commanding Faith**

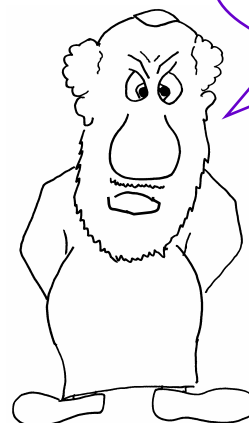
Peter – A Man of **Loud** and **Fiery** Faith

*(Acts 2:1-4 NKJV) “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. {2} And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} Then there appeared to them **divided tongues, as of fire**, and one sat upon each of them. {4} And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

The same tongues of fire that licked up Elijah’s sacrifice fell on God’s people at Pentecost. The fire from heaven, consumed their hearts and ignited their tongues. They spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance. No longer behind locked doors, they uttered deep things of God that flamed into the New Testament Church.

Fiery faith will raise its voice!

(Acts 2:14-21 NKJV) “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. {15} For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. {16} But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: {17} ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.



Peter

“let this be known to you and heed my words.”

*{18} And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. {19} I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: **Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.** {20} The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. {21} And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.”*

Point 2.

Mountaintop Faith is Bold Faith!

It not only calls down **fire** on the darkness, but also cries grace to the world and speaks salvation to souls.

Mountaintop Faith in the New Testament

(1) **Fiery** Faith, (2) **Loud** Faith and (3) **Commanding** Faith

Peter and John – Commanders in the Army of God

(Acts 3:1-9 NKJV) “Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. {2} And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; {3} who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. {4} And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.”

- Mountaintop Faith demands to be seen, demands to be heard. When it is, God is glorified...
and **the devil is horrified!**

(Acts 3:5-7 NKJV) “So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. {6} Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. {7} And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. {8} So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them; walking, leaping, and praising God. {9} And all the people saw him walking and praising God.”

- Mountaintop Faith does not ask, **it commands**, in Jesus’ name.
- Mountaintop Faith is miracle-working faith.
- Mountaintop Faith speaks with **mountaintop authority!**
- Mountaintop Faith is God-pleasing faith because it imitates Christ!
- Mountaintop Faith **destroys the works of the devil.**

*(1 John 3:8b NKJV) “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil.**”*

- Mountaintop Faith speaks loudly and acts boldly.
- Mountaintop Faith is “hands on faith.” It releases God’s anointing through the laying on of hands.

Point 3.

Mountaintop Faith commands, and all hell trembles and obeys.

God is glorified and **the devil is horrified.**

Mountaintop Faith commands the natural circumstances to fall into ranks and march to your orders. Your authority comes from the mountain of God. It is delegated to you by the Commander-in-Chief, who is the High and Lofty One, Who inhabits eternity and whose name is Holy.

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
(Hebrews 13:8 NKJV)*

*“For our God is a consuming fire.”
(Hebrews 12:29 NKJV)*

Recap: Mountaintop Faith

- Knows no boundaries, cares nothing about the odds against it!
- Knows no fear and challenges every enemy of God!
- **Burns with an unquenchable fire and moves God to answer by fire!**
- Utterly consumes every enemy of God!
- Consumes your heart and ignites your tongue!
- Demands to be seen and heard. When it is, God is glorified and **the devil is horrified!**
- Doesn’t ask, it commands!
- Is miracle-working faith!
- Speaks with mountaintop authority!
- Pleases God because it imitates Christ!
- **Destroys the works of the devil!**
- Speaks loudly and acts boldly!
- Releases God’s anointing through the laying on of hands.

How badly do you want it?

Point 1.

Mountaintop Faith, is All-Consuming Faith!

Point 2.

Mountaintop Faith is Bold Faith!

Point 3.

Mountaintop Faith Commands. All hell trembles and obeys.