

A Season of Heaven's Lightning

What is the Holy Spirit trying to tell us through the words given last Sunday 7/10/2011 about lightning? We need to treat this properly and as these words occur with more frequency and they are confirmed by two or three witnesses as this one was, we need to take note and get everything out of them that we are supposed to. I sense the beginning of something new as we invite His Presence into our services and then function here as a New Testament Church in the way we respond, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**"

David Boyd wrote down the sense of what he shared since it was not recorded. I transcribed what Bill Rodgers said and what Diane Parks shared. I also included what both Lori Lopez and I sensed. Respectfully submitted, Michael Simonov

David Boyd: *"I remember this: as I was preparing for worship in the morning I saw a lightning bolt that was also a sword strike in our worship space. The sense I had was this strike was aimed to destroy a stronghold hiding in darkness, a stronghold that was holding our church back from moving into a season of God's promise being manifest. My belief is that the stronghold was also secret sin that was hidden because of shame, but the powerful intervention through this lightning/sword was going to bring freedom to the persons bound and as a result bring down this dark stronghold."*

Bill Rodgers: *"You are going to have a tough time this week, what do you do? (Say) Jesus show your light, that's the bolts of lightings that were just talked about."*

Diane Parks : *"The lord showed me lightning bolts coming down from heaven striking the earth. But he assured me they were not lightning bolts of death or destruction. They were his light coming down, but the vision continued from one, two, three lightning bolts to many, to the point that I couldn't see the difference, it was all light coming down, all light, all over this whole region, there were no spaces in between."*

Lori Lopez: *"I believe the lightning bolts or storm is a demonstration of God's Power. It invokes fear in people because they realize God has to be behind something so powerful. Fear of God is the first step toward wisdom for those who do not know him. And a Godly fear for those who do know Him moves them closer to their God. Many people who say they know God are asleep. God is stirring up his people to action because this world needs to know the truth!! May we all be stirred up to do His will following the direction of the Holy Spirit every day, taking every opportunity to speak into lives for healing, salvation and deliverance."*

Michael Simonov: I sensed spiritual warfare occurring in the heavenlies...a physical picture that what we were hearing and seeing in the natural was occurring in the spiritual realm. Pastor David talked about spiritual warfare today, about the prince of Persia and the archangel Michael coming on the scene to help Gabriel bring an answer to Daniel's prayer. Are we perhaps seeing help from the heavenlies contending for the strongholds over our area?

Daniel 10:5-7. ⁵ I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. ⁶ His body also was like beryl, **his face had the appearance of lightning**, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

Lightning: The power of God to intervene in judgment, the glory of God displayed, the voice of God interjected with anointed power, the kingdom of God coming with dramatic speed.

LIGHTNING International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia

In the Scriptures it is used:

- (a) indicating **the power of God**: The power of God is shown in His command of the forces of Nature, and He is the only one who knows the secrets of Nature: "He made a way for the lightning" (Job 28:26); "He directeth his lightning" (Job 37:3 the King James Version); "Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go?" (Job 38:35); "Ask ye of Yahweh that maketh lightnings" (Zech 10:1). See also Ps 18:14; 97:4; 135:7; Job 36:32; Jer 10:13;
- (b) figuratively and poetically: David sings of Yahweh, "He sent lightnings manifold, and discomfited them" (Ps 18:14); **used for speed**: "The chariots run like the lightnings" (Nah 2:4); "His arrow shall go forth as the lightning" (Zech 9:14); "The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning" (Ezek 1:14). The coming of the kingdom is described by Jesus as the shining of the lightning from one part of heaven to another, even "from the east unto the west" (Matt 24:27; Luke 17:24);
- (c) meaning **bright or shining**: Daniel in his vision saw a man and "his face (was) as the appearance of lightning" (Dan 10:6). See also Rev 4:5; 8:5; 16:18.