

Burning Men

WEEK 3



SIX BLOCKAGES TO BEING FILLED WITH HOLY SPIRIT:

DOUBT OR INTELLECTUAL PRIDE

To receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, you must let go of your intellectual arguments and display child-like faith. ***Matt. 18:2-***

RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Those who care more about denominational traditions, or family traditions will find it hard to receive. ***Mark 7:13***

FEAR OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Some people are afraid of supernatural realities, but Christianity is truly supernatural. The natural man cannot receive the things of God. ***1 Cor. 2***

UNCONFESSED SIN

The Holy Spirit can be “quenched” as well as “grieved”. We must repent quickly when we know we have sinned. If you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit, you must be willing to open up every dark corner of your life to the Holiness of God. ***1 Thess. 5:19; Eph. 4:30***

EMOTIONAL WOUNDS

Some people are burdened with emotional baggage and it becomes a blockage to Holy Spirit baptism. Some have been abused, others are weighed down with anxiety, or grieved, or depressed. They need healing first. Like Lazarus - He was raised from the dead but was still bound by grave clothes. Some are born again but still bound by things of the past. They need to be unwrapped before they can experience God’s full anointing. Healing is often needed before they can receive the blessing of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. ***John 11:44***

AN UNYIELDED SPIRIT

You cannot be filled if you are full of yourself, if you are too willful. If you have not surrendered your plans, finances, relationships and time to God. Some people have their lives planned out and they don’t want God interrupting their agendas. Yet God is looking to fill hearts that have been emptied and surrendered. Only the fully yielded can experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. ***Acts 5:32***