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Sermon Notes:

The Holy Ghost: Fueling Fools Fully!

Story of Pentecostalism in the US (early 1900s)

- Parham; Seymour; Lucy Farrow* were invited and released to L.A.
- God used them powerfully to interact with the leaders of the future movement's elders such as C.H. Mason
- Movement was cross-cultural and Black-led
- Outsider became insiders

Text: Acts 2:1-4; Exodus 3:1-15 (***To understand Pentecost, let's understand Mt. Horeb***)

Fire first introduced as covenant sign in Genesis 15 and then Exodus 3

NOW God decides to speak!* A dialogue between God and Moses **begins — and continues between God and humans**

A Bush Burns on Horeb (Glowing)

- Guidance via Presence
- Power/Holiness (fuel)
- Purification

All of which = You don't lead! You ain't able!! You ain't right!!!

Fire is NOT manmade!

- God initiates
- Moses is attracted ~
- God says stop! (God's presence makes sheep manure holy!)~ "Take off your shoes" ~ [service workers at my house]
- God speaks! ["Let me introduce Myself"]/I am The God of your fathers (your Father)
- God: "I have seen, heard and am concerned about injustice"
- Moses asks 2 questions: 1. Who am I in Pharaoh's eyes (fugitive); 2. Who are in Israel's eyes (relevance/ethnicity) ~ both question Moses' legitimacy.



- God answers question #1: "You are....God is with you!"; #2 "I Am!"
- God says "As am sign of proof, you will bring My people right back here to Horeb/Sinai for me to fellowship with them.
- Pentecost, among other things, is the celebration of: 1. First fruit of the harvest; 2. Celebration of the giving of the Law (light/guidance/identity

5 "Ahas" about the of God Fire of **Guidance**; Fire's **Power**; Fire's **Purification**

1. Fire carried messaging and was the beginning of a new segment of a conversation. ("As I was saying...") **{A Dialogue!}**
 1. Exodus 15 (Covenant)
 2. Guidance out of bondage into freedom and fellowship
 3. God was introduced to Moses in a very familiar place, but an unfamiliar way
2. God Identifies God...and then Identifies Moses [Work of the Holy Spirit]
3. As with Azusa in US in the early part of the 20th century, God uses outsiders to either invite "insiders" to outsider-ship or supersede them!
 1. Unlearned disciples
 2. Samaritans
 3. Gentiles
 4. Women, Blacks, poor people, Latino people
4. Fire is not manmade! Spirit is not manufactured!
 1. Pentecost was a power grab! Access for fishermen, women, ethnic minorities, outcasts, misfits and fools!
 2. This is not an occasion for pride, arrogance or self-importance
5. We are empowered, set on fire, and fueled for the work of God...setting others free so that they can find God. (The Israelites were freed so that they could fully worship. They can't be fully available to God and bound to humanity and its cruel systems!!!!)