



Key References:

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

“I was talking to my dear friend and I asked him; “do you warm your house in Canada?” He said “yes”. But, I thought every Canadian loved cold weather! ... On the day of Pentecost, when the Lord sent the Holy Ghost, what did people see? Fire! That’s what your God is. Even though you stay in the cold Canada you don’t like to sleep in the cold. You need to warm up your house. But do you know that you are the House of The Lord? This is where God wants to sleep. When He comes to sleep he doesn’t want to sleep in the cold - He wants to sleep in the fire!” – Marcel Ternival, quote #1

Ephesians 1:3–4 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own

1 – A CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

In 1978 Marcel & Nicole went into ministry as Baptists. Nearly 20 years later in 1996 Marcel was filled with the Holy Spirit by a chance encounter during the Toronto Blessing after his fight to Winnipeg was cancelled. ([watch here](#)) **What stood out to you about how and why God orchestrated this? How did it affect his church and his city in the spiritual climate of Haiti?**

Have you, or when did you first encounter the Holy Spirit?

2 – THE FIRE

Why do we sometimes hear the Holy Spirit called the Fire of God?

Read quote #1 from Marcel. **What do you think Marcel was getting at?**

Marcel said after this *“The enemy doesn’t like the fire... After I met the Lord with The Fire the enemy ran and the Lord delivered a lot of our people.”* **Is there as much spiritual darkness in Nanaimo as there is in Haiti? Is the Holy Spirit’s work in believer’s lives different here? Do we need as much of the Holy Spirit as Marcel?**

3 – OUR POSITION BEFORE GOD

Marcel read Ephesians 1:3-4 and said; *Many times, the world would tell me. “Marcel you come from a third world country.” And I say; Thank you Lord I’m not serving a third world God. You own the universe I will serve you Lord!* **We’re not in the third world but how can we sometimes have a third world view of God?**

How does this verse confront us when we are feeling not blessed by God? What are the blessings He has given and promised to us?

4 – DON’T LIMIT YOURSELF IF THE FIRE OF GOD IS IN YOU

Marcel encouraged us to know our identity in God and also that He has given us the Holy Spirit. So the plans that God has through us cannot be limited. **Why do we still feel limited in spite of those two truths? Why should having those two things make us unlimited before God?**

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19 and quote #2 from Marcel. **If you walked in the truth of this what is that biggest thing that would change? What does “you are not your own” speak to you?**

Extra References:

Acts 16:22–26 (ESV)

²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

“You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Can you imagine that big God; who created the universe, created the heaven and earth, living in me and you? Sometimes you can look at yourself as so small. But, you're not that small. Sometimes you think that you don't have too much value - yes you have a lot of value. Not because of your body, but because of the inside of you. The person who lives inside of you. The Holy Spirit”. –

Marcel Ternal, quote #2

Daniel 12:4–10 (ESV)

⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” ⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. ⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” ⁹ He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.