

Week 28

Joel 2 Lifestyle



*Preparation of the “Day
of the LORD” forerunners*

Jeremiah 23:18

*For who has stood in
the counsel of the
Lord, and has*

perceived and heard

His word? Who has

marked His word and

heard it?

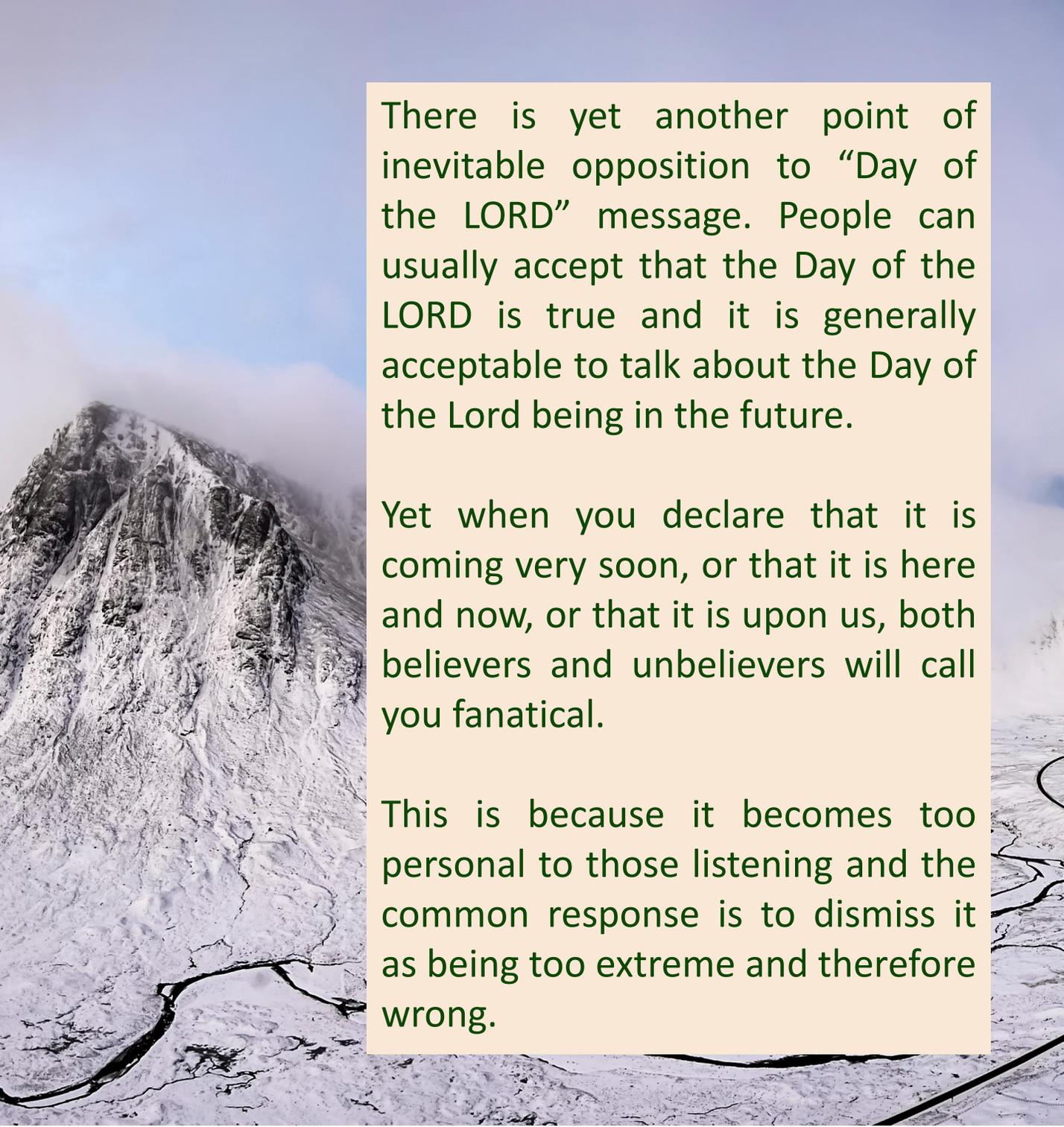
The preaching that causes men to tremble comes from standing in the counsel of the Lord, hearing His Word and then proclaiming it. What causes the alarm that drives men to tremble before God? It is the Spirit of the Lord that is upon the preaching.

It is not so much the eloquence or good communication skills that impact the hearts of God's people. It is the Word of God that goes forth in power and authority!

Preaching the "Day of the LORD" message is not popular among most of God's people.

Because of that, the "Day of the LORD" preachers have to be prepared to face misunderstanding, rejection and opposition.

The most challenging part of this message is about the coming judgment of God and the fact that God has wrath. This is an almost unheard-of concept today, though it is not foreign in the Old or New Testament



There is yet another point of inevitable opposition to “Day of the LORD” message. People can usually accept that the Day of the LORD is true and it is generally acceptable to talk about the Day of the Lord being in the future.

Yet when you declare that it is coming very soon, or that it is here and now, or that it is upon us, both believers and unbelievers will call you fanatical.

This is because it becomes too personal to those listening and the common response is to dismiss it as being too extreme and therefore wrong.

To say that the Day of the LORD is at hand means that the unique activity is not for another generation, but it will be made manifest in the next ten to fifty years. To make such a claim in our day usually results in one being called fanatical and even cultish. It is also politically incorrect.

History tells us that whenever this message was applied to their contemporary audiences, people will respond with opposition and rejection. On the other hand, when the message of the Day of the LORD is applied to the future, the common response is affirmative reception.

The “Day of the LORD” forerunners need to study the End Times from the Scriptures. End-Time prophecy fills the pages of the Major and Minor Prophets and is addressed throughout the Book of Psalms, nearly all of the New Testament epistles and of course, the Book of Revelation.

The Word of God is full of insight for this most dramatic time of natural history. God devoted a significant amount of Scripture to this subject in order to prepare His people for it.

This is the very heartbeat of the forerunner ministry - to understand what is coming and to prepare the Earth for it. Every detail that the Lord has given us is of utmost importance.

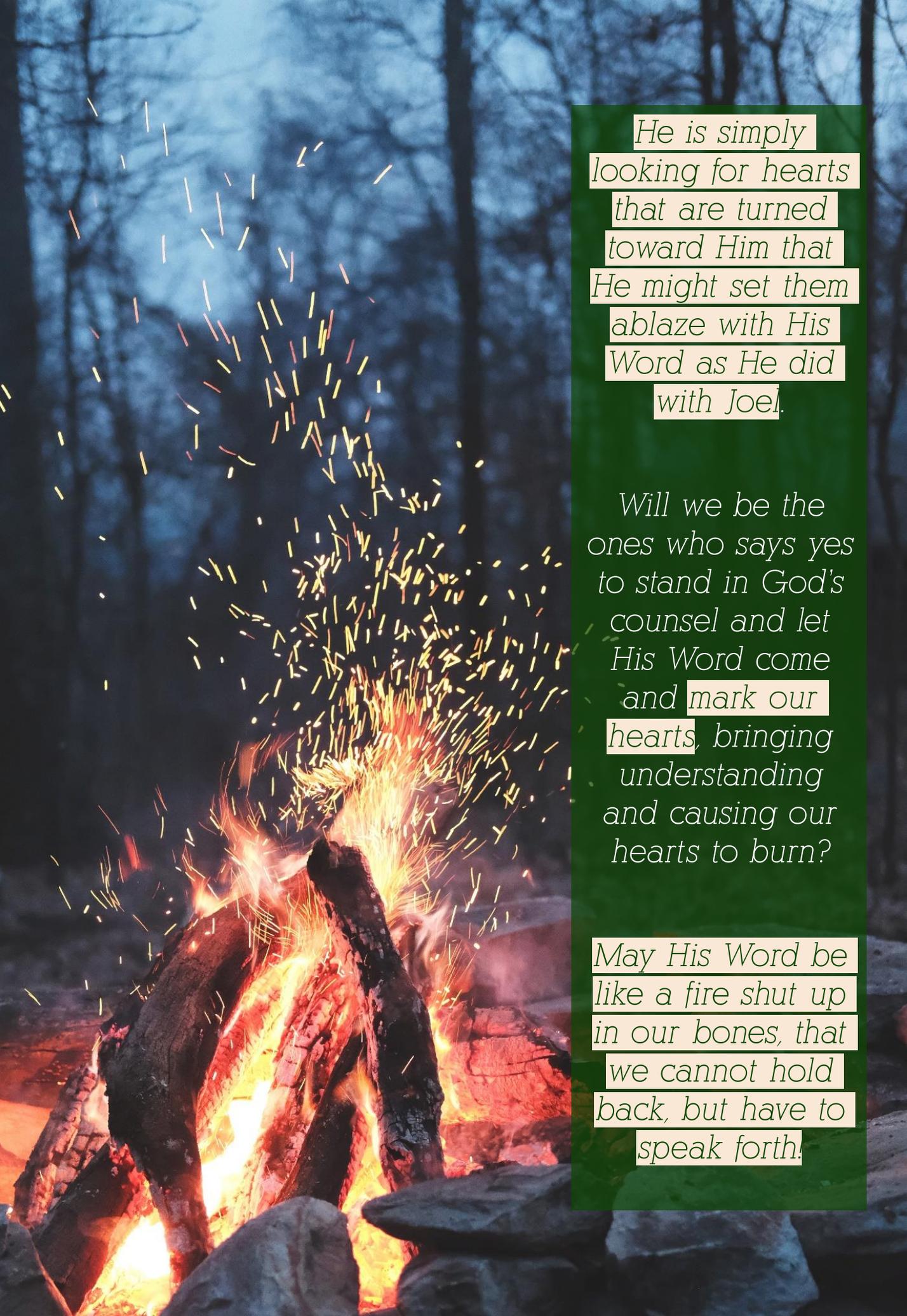


*God wants the "Day of the LORD"
forerunners to be witnesses
of His heart, bringing clarity to
people on the earth*

These forerunners will be a people of understanding, a people who will instruct many (Dan. 11:33).

God told Jeremiah that there will be those in the latter days who will understand perfectly what God is doing through judgment (Jer. 23:20).

Even now, God is raising up His voices who carry the message of intimacy with God and the End Times in their hearts. Some will have a platform from which to preach but the majority will impact those around them through one-to-one conversations or small groups. God is going to anoint those in the marketplace, in the home with their children, in the schools and more.

A bonfire of logs is burning brightly, with a large shower of sparks flying upwards into a dark blue twilight sky. The background shows the silhouettes of bare trees.

*He is simply
looking for hearts
that are turned
toward Him that
He might set them
ablaze with His
Word as He did
with Joel.*

*Will we be the
ones who says yes
to stand in God's
counsel and let
His Word come
and mark our
hearts, bringing
understanding
and causing our
hearts to burn?*

*May His Word be
like a fire shut up
in our bones, that
we cannot hold
back, but have to
speak forth!*



Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 28

- Take some time to read Jeremiah 23:16-29. How do we become the people who will understand God's heart perfectly? What were the main issues with the prophets who spoke forth words which were not from the Lord? Did they stand in the counsel of the Lord?

Prayers for Week 28

- Pray Jeremiah 23:20 for many in the Church to gain understanding from the Scripture, of the times we are living in. Pray that the Church will have perfect understanding from the Lord as we stand in His counsel.
- Pray Jeremiah 23:28-29 for the Lord to raise up voices who will speak forth His Word like a hammer breaking wrong paradigms and like a fire causing hearts to burn.