

THE FIRE, HAMMER AND THE SUPERNATURAL

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JER. 23:29 A. B. Simpson, preacher, theologian, author, said, “The religion of the Bible is wholly supernatural”. To experience the supernatural work of the Spirit, we must make the authoritative teaching of the Bible a priority.

- In the beginning God spoke with authority; Jesus taught with authority, and signs followed; the apostles also and the Word was confirmed with signs, **MK. 16:20**.
- **ACTS 4:29-33** The apostles knew the value of preaching the Word with authority. The place shook, not just the people.

God used different words to describe His Word: Lamp, light, honey, water, meat, and milk. Our text says it's a fire and a hammer.

As a Fire

1. It comforts, warms, and encourages. **1 THES. 4:18**.
2. It melts, consumes, and purifies. It burns away the chaff and reveals truth, **LUKE 24:32**.
3. It transforms, **2 COR. 3:18**. Saul to Paul, the resurrected Word.

As a Hammer

1. It crushes, shatters hardness, and breaks into pieces pride, stubbornness, and narcissistic behavior, **PS. 51:10-12**.
2. It brings conviction and reveals truth with undeniable force, **HEB. 4:12**.

CONCLUSION: JER. 20:9 Jeremiah was ridiculed when he called God's people to repentance. He was left disheartened and discouraged. He suffered mentally, emotionally, and physically and ready to quit. But something happened. God's word burned within like a fire in his bones. It consumed him until he released it. He was knocked down, but not knocked out; discouraged, but not defeated. He was battered but not beaten. We also must get the Word in us until it burns within like a fire. We must release it with authoritative power and give the Spirit something to confirm. The results will be amazing!

