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## *Living From the Fire Within*

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# LIVING FROM THE FIRE WITHIN — 5786

A Revised Update of Tending the Fire Within

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# Preface

## A Theological Recalibration

This revised edition reflects a maturation in emphasis rather than a change in conviction.

When *Tending the Fire Within* – 5786 was first written, it carried a strong prophetic cadence shaped by season and personal experience. While the symbolism of the Hebraic letters remains meaningful and deeply valued, in the months since its original publication, the Lord has continued to clarify something foundational:

Union precedes activation.

The finished work of Christ is not a backdrop to prophetic insight — it is the interpretive center.

This edition intentionally re-centers the manuscript in the completed work of Christ and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Language that could be interpreted as striving, unlocking, or leveraging has been reframed to reflect covenant permanence and settled inheritance.

The prophetic implications of the Hebraic year remain intact. What has shifted is the lens through which they are viewed.

Rather than reading sacred time as something that demands intensified effort, this edition reads it as an invitation to deeper alignment with what has already been secured in Christ.

The fire was not newly given in 5786.

It was given.

And we are learning to live from it.

# Introduction

Each year as we approach the Head of the Year, I sit quietly before the Lord and listen.

Not for something new to strive toward. Not for something to initiate. But for clarity — for alignment — for light to fall gently upon what Christ has already secured.

Over the years, I have written about the Hebraic calendar, the symbolism of the letters, and the prophetic rhythm woven into sacred time. That remains meaningful to me. But as this space continues to mature, something has become increasingly clear:

The fire within is not something we are trying to ignite.

It was given.

The Spirit was poured out.  
The covenant was restored.  
The work was finished.  
The union was established.

What we are learning — slowly, sometimes through long seasons of diminishing — is how to live from that reality.

When I first wrote *Tending the Fire Within* – 5786, I was emerging from a prolonged season of personal narrowing. Strength had been reduced. Capacity felt smaller. Many things I once held confidently had been sifted. And yet, beneath the sifting, something steadier was being revealed.

The fire had not gone out.

It had never depended on me.

What I once interpreted as loss was, in many ways, exposure — exposure of what was never meant to sustain me in the first place. The flame that remained was not the flame of personal intensity or prophetic momentum. It was the quiet, unwavering presence of Holy Spirit dwelling within.

That significantly changes how we interpret the times and seasons. I know it has for me.

The Hebrew year 5786 — תשפ"ו Tav, Shin, Peh, Vov — carries rich symbolic meaning. The century marked by truth and fire. The decade marked by

speech. The year marked by connection. These themes remain beautiful signposts. But they are not drivers of destiny. They are invitations to reflection.

Christ is the center.  
Union is the foundation.  
The Spirit is already given.

This year is not about unlocking something in heaven.  
It is about recognizing what has already been opened.

It is not about activating a blessing we have perceived as out of reach in prior seasons. It is about stewarding inheritance. It is not about striving for revival.  
It is about allowing the indwelling flame to mature us into stability.

James 1:17 states: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" Our lives shift and change and move in cycles. Sometimes our view from within those cycles shifts our lens. We see things differently. But our perception doesn't change the continual abiding flame of Holy Spirit. With Him there is no shifting shadow.

The imagery of fire runs throughout this book. Fire that purifies. Fire that reveals. Fire that illuminates. But Scripture reminds us that the flame that tests is the same flame that abides. The Spirit does not arrive in cycles. He dwells. He forms. He sustains.

If there is expansion ahead — and I believe there is — it will not come through pressure. It will come through rootedness. It will not come through louder declarations. It will come through deeper settlement in Christ.

The peh reminds us that speech flows from the heart.  
The vov reminds us that connection sustains the flame.  
But the heart has already been made a dwelling place.  
The connection has already been secured.

So as we consider 5786, we do so not as those straining to bring something to pass, but as those learning to abide in what has been obtained.

The fire within does not need to be manufactured. It needs to be trusted.

May this season not stir you into exerting more effort — but settle you into alignment. May the flame within you burn steady, not because you have tended it perfectly, but because the One who indwells you is faithful.

# **The Fire That Was Already Given**

Before we speak of centuries and letters...

before we trace patterns in sacred time...

before we consider expansion or restoration...

We must begin here:

The fire was already given.

When Jesus cried, “It is finished,” He was not announcing the beginning of potential. He was announcing the completion of redemption.

When He ascended and poured out the Spirit, He was not initiating a temporary visitation. He was establishing a dwelling.

The fire that fell at Pentecost was not a spark awaiting future intensification. It was the promised Spirit — the very life of God given to abide within His people.

We are no longer waiting for fire.

We are learning to live from it.

## **Union Before Activation**

Much of our spiritual vocabulary has been shaped by the language of activation — unlocking, releasing, igniting, contending, breaking through. There are moments in Scripture where urgency is appropriate. But if urgency is not anchored in union, it becomes pressure.

Union changes the tone.

You are not trying to connect to God. You have been joined. You are not attempting to secure the Spirit. He has been given. You are not building a ladder to heaven. Christ descended. Christ ascended. Christ united heaven and earth in Himself.

The flame within the believer is not the result of emotional intensity or prophetic momentum. It is the indwelling presence of Holy Spirit — the seal of a covenant already secured.

The fire does not flicker because of your weakness. It abides because of His faithfulness.

## **The Indwelling Reality**

Scripture does not describe the Spirit as visiting the believer. It describes the Spirit as dwelling.

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”(1 Corinthians 3:16)

Temple language is not seasonal language. It is covenant language.

Under the old covenant, fire descended upon a structure made with hands. Under the new covenant, the Spirit inhabits a people made alive in Christ.

The dwelling has already been established. The question is no longer, “Will God send fire?” The question becomes, “Will we live as those who are already inhabited?” This shifts everything.

## **The Finished Work and the Ongoing Formation**

Redemption is finished. Formation is ongoing. There is a difference.

The cross does not need to be revisited. The Spirit does not need to be re-poured. The covenant does not need to be renegotiated. But we are being formed.

The fire that was given now purifies, reveals, matures, and steadies. Not to make us accepted — but because we are.

Formation is not a test to determine whether we belong. It is the outworking of belonging.

If anything is being exposed in this hour, it is not because the fire has intensified beyond measure — but because what cannot endure in the light is gently being removed.

The flame does not come to annihilate. It comes to clarify.

## **From Striving to Settlement**

There is a subtle difference between tending a fire to keep it alive and tending it because it is alive.

In one posture, we strive to prevent extinction.

In the other, we guard what has already been secured.

Many believers have lived as though the Spirit were fragile — as though one wrong move might extinguish Him. But the Spirit is not sustained by our vigilance.

He sustains us.

The call of this hour is not to produce flame. It is to settle into the One who burns without consuming.

Moses encountered a bush that burned and was not consumed. The fire did not destroy the bush; it revealed holy ground. So it is within the believer. The indwelling Spirit does not devour your humanity. He transfigures it.

The more we rest in union, the steadier the flame appears.

## **The Year Through the Lens of Union**

If we are to consider the symbolism of this year — the letters, the patterns, the prophetic echoes — we must interpret them through this settled reality.

Tav speaks of completion. It is finished.

Shin speaks of fire. The Spirit has been given.

Peh speaks of speech. Out of the heart the mouth speaks.

Vov speaks of connection. You have been joined.

Nothing in this year is asking you to create what heaven has not already established. It is inviting you to live as one who has been united.

Expansion, if it comes, will not be driven by urgency but by rootedness.

Purification, if it occurs, will not be punishment but refinement.

Connection, if it deepens, will not be manufactured but revealed.

The fire was already given.

## **A Steady Flame**

There is a kind of spiritual maturity that is less dramatic than revival language suggests. It is quieter. Deeper. Less combustible. More enduring.

A steady flame warms a house through winter.

A wildfire consumes a forest in hours.

The Spirit was not given to make us spectacular. He was given to make us steadfast.

If there is anything 5786 may be inviting us into, it is this:

Not louder declarations. Not intensified striving. But deeper alignment with the indwelling Christ. The fire within does not need to be reignited. It needs to be trusted. And as we trust, the flame does what flame always does — it gives light. It gives warmth. It reveals what is true. The fire was already given. We are learning to abide in it.

## **Tav–Shin A Century of Healing**

When we look at the Hebraic calendar and see the century marked by Tav (ת) and Shin (ש), it is tempting to interpret it primarily through upheaval — shattering, fire, exposure, reform. And certainly, history has not been quiet. But before we speak of shattering, we must speak of something more foundational:

The covenant was already restored in Christ. The healing of the Ekklesia did not begin in a century. It began at the cross. Whatever unfolds in time must be interpreted through what has already been secured outside of time.

### **Tav — Completion, Not Contingency**

Tav, the final letter of the Hebrew alphabet, carries the symbolism of completion, fulfillment, and mark.

For the believer, completion is not a future aspiration. It is a finished declaration. “It is finished.”

Tav does not announce something we must bring to fullness. It reminds us that fullness has been brought near in Christ. If this century carries Tav at its forefront, then we must first read it as a reminder:

The foundation has already been laid.

The righteousness of God has already been revealed.

The covenant has already been sealed.

Any healing that occurs within the Ekklesia flows from that finished reality — not toward it.

### **Shin — Fire That Preserves**

Shin is often associated with fire — refining, purifying, transformative. But fire in Scripture does not exist merely to destroy. It exists to reveal what endures. Gold is not made gold by fire. It is revealed as gold through fire. If this century has felt like exposure, like restructuring, like long-standing systems being shaken — it is not because God is reconsidering His Ekklesia Assembly. It is because what cannot bear the weight of union is being uncovered. Healing, in this sense, is not annihilation. It is alignment.

The fire does not come to recreate the Ekklesia Assembly. It comes to clarify what the Ekklesia Assembly already is in Christ.

## **Restoration Is Not Re-Invention**

It can be tempting to interpret historical reform movements — the Reformation, revivals, awakenings — as though each were a new ignition of divine life. But Christ does not need to be reintroduced. The gospel does not require rediscovery in order to become powerful again. Justification by faith, once revealed with clarity through voices like Luther, was not a new gospel. It was the unveiling of what had always been true.

Healing does not mean God is starting over. It means He is bringing us back to what has already been established. Restoration is not re-invention. It is return to center.

## **Exposure as Mercy**

When structures tremble, when leadership models are examined, when motivations are sifted, it can feel destabilizing. But the fire of Shin, when read through union, is not punitive. It is merciful.

What is built upon personality cannot sustain the weight of glory.

What is built upon performance cannot endure covenant light.

What is built upon platform cannot hold the presence of Christ.

If there is shattering, it is not because Christ's work was insufficient.

It is because we sometimes build as though it were.

And mercy exposes what grace has already secured.

## **The Ongoing Work of the Spirit**

The Spirit was poured out once. But formation unfolds continually. There is a difference between the finished work of redemption and the ongoing work of formation. The Spirit does not descend again in order to compensate for lack. He forms within what He has already indwelt. Throughout this century, what we may be witnessing is not necessarily what we interpret as escalation of power beyond the apostolic deposit — but a maturation in participation.

Not greater fire. Deeper steadiness.

Not louder manifestations. Clearer alignment.

We are not setting a goal is to surpass the early Ekklesia. Our aim is to embody the same indwelling reality with integrity. It might look different in our generation than it did at that time. It should. Our participation in the things of the Spirit matures over time. So, of course it is going to look different. This is where I want to be cautious as how I describe what the Spirit of the Lord has been revealing concerning the years ahead. For now, I believe the focus is on the maturing of the Ekklesia Assembly as she settles more securely in who she already is, and stabilized by what has already been provided.

## **A Healing of Identity**

Perhaps the deepest healing occurring in this century is not structural. It is ontological. The Ekklesia is remembering who she is.

Not a platform.

Not an institution striving for relevance.

Not a machine fueled by human charisma.

But a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

When identity is restored, systems naturally recalibrate. When union is centered, methods become secondary. When Christ is sufficient, striving subsides. This is healing.

## **Moving Toward the Century's Close**

As we approach the end of the Tav-Shin century, there is no need for dramatic crescendo. If Tav speaks of completion and Shin speaks of fire, then perhaps what remains is this:

The fire that refines has been steady.

The covenant that secures has not moved.

It may feel like we are standing on the brink of something entirely new. Yet, we are standing within something already established. Healing is not future tense. It is present alignment with what Christ has already made whole.

## **A Settled Perspective**

If we read this century through fear, we will brace ourselves. If we read it through ambition, we will attempt to escalate. But if we read it through union, we will settle.

The Ekklesia does not need to become something else in order to be healed.  
She needs to live from what she already is.

Tav reminds us: It is finished.

Shin reminds us: The fire abides.

And what abides does not panic.

It forms.

# **Peh — The Decade of the 80's**

## **Speech Within the Flame of Union**

As we move from the Tav–Shin century into the Peh decade, we are not leaving behind the themes of completion and refining fire. We are stepping into a decade where expression comes into focus.

Peh (פ), representing the number eighty, is traditionally associated with the mouth — speech, breath, utterance, declaration.

If Tav reminds us that it is finished,  
and Shin reminds us that the fire abides,  
then Peh asks a quiet but piercing question:

What flows from a heart already inhabited?

The prophetic symbolism of the Hebraic letters does not create destiny. It reveals posture. It does not manufacture movement. It illuminates alignment.

In that sense, the Peh decade is not about generating powerful speech.

It is about speech flowing from union.

## **The Mouth and the Heart**

The construction of the Hebrew letter Peh פ contains within it the shape of a Bet ב — the house, the inner chamber — and within that chamber, a Vov ו — the connector.

Symbolically, this layered structure carries prophetic weight.

Speech (Peh פ) emerges from the heart (Bet ב).  
The heart is sustained by connection (Vov ו).

The symbolism is not arbitrary.

It mirrors a spiritual reality already secured in Christ.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

If the Ekklesia Assembly has been made a dwelling place of God in the Spirit, then the mouth becomes an instrument of what already abides within.

The Peh decade, therefore, is not a call to louder declaration. It is a call to congruence.

## Speech as Revelation, Not Leverage

There has been much teaching in recent years about the power of words — declaring, decreeing, aligning circumstances through vocal faith. But through the lens of union, we must make something clear:

Speech does not leverage heaven.

Speech reveals habitation.

When Jesus calmed the storm, He was not activating divine power. He was expressing divine authority that was already His.

When the Ekklesia Assembly speaks from union, it is not attempting to manufacture alignment in the earth. It is articulating alignment that already exists in Christ. There is a difference.

The Peh decade prophetically invites us to examine whether our speech reflects settled identity or subtle striving.

## Maturity at Eighty

Biblically, the number eighty carries connotations of maturity. Moses was eighty when he stood before Pharaoh. But Moses' authority did not originate at eighty. It originated in the burning bush — in encounter.

Even then, the fire did not consume him. It revealed the One who was present.

The Peh decade may prophetically signal a maturing of the Ekklesia Assembly — not into louder influence, but into steadier expression.

Maturity does not shout to prove authority.  
It speaks because authority is already established.

The prophetic implication of Peh is not volume.

It is weight.

## The Refining of Expression

If Tav-Shin has exposed what cannot endure, then Peh reveals what remains.

Words carry tone.  
Tone reveals trust.

If the heart is anxious, speech becomes reactive.  
If the heart is striving, speech becomes performative.  
If the heart is settled in Christ, speech becomes measured, healing, and life-giving.

The Peh decade prophetically highlights the relationship between indwelling presence and outward expression.

The fire within purifies the well from which words are drawn.

Not to make us acceptable.

But because we already are.

## **The Ekklesia Assembly and the Gift of Speech**

The ascension gifts described in Ephesians 4 were given to equip the Ekklesia Assembly — not to elevate individuals, but to build a body.

In a Peh decade, prophetic symbolism suggests a recalibration of how voice functions within the Assembly.

Speech is no longer about platform.  
It is about formation.

The apostolic does not command to control.  
It speaks to stabilize.

The prophetic does not erupt to impress.  
It reveals to align.

The pastoral does not soothe to avoid tension.  
It steadies through presence.

The teacher does not inform to accumulate knowledge.  
It clarifies to root identity.

The evangelist does not persuade through pressure.  
It announces what has already been secured.

If the Peh decade carries prophetic implication, perhaps it is this:

The Ekklesia Assembly is being invited into speech that reflects union, not ambition.

## **Breath and Indwelling Life**

Peh is also associated with breath.

In Genesis, breath brought Adam to life.

In Acts, breath and fire marked the birth of the Assembly.

But the Spirit was not given temporarily.

He dwells.

The prophetic symbolism of Peh does not call us to inhale something new. It calls us to become aware of what is already breathing within us. The Ekklesia Assembly does not speak in order to create identity. It speaks because identity has been given.

## **A Decade of Alignment**

If this decade holds prophetic significance, it may be less about dramatic proclamation and more about alignment between heart and mouth. Congruence between union and expression. Integrity between indwelling fire and outward tone. The Peh decade, read through union, becomes an invitation:

Let your speech mirror your habitation.

Let your tone reflect your trust.

Let your declarations arise from rest, not urgency.

The fire was already given.

Now the mouth becomes its instrument.

# Vov — The Connector

## Covenant Union and the Steady Flame

If Peh brings speech into focus, Vov brings connection into view. The Hebrew letter Vov (ו), with its numerical value of six, functions grammatically as a conjunction — “and.” It links. It joins. It continues what came before.

In its ancient pictographic form, Vov resembled a hook or peg — something that fastens one structure to another. A connector between what might otherwise stand apart.

Within the prophetic symbolism of the year 5786, Vov carries weight. Not because it creates union — but because it reminds us that union has already been secured.

## Christ as the True Vov

If Vov symbolizes connection, then Christ is its fulfillment. He is the One who joined heaven and earth. He is the One in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. He is the One who reconciled all things through the blood of His cross. Union is not a spiritual achievement. It is a covenant reality.

When Jesus rose and ascended, the separation narrative ended. The veil was torn. The dwelling was established. The Spirit was given — not temporarily, not selectively, but as the abiding presence of God within His people.

The Ekklesia Assembly is not attempting to connect to heaven. She has been joined. Vov, then, prophetically becomes a reminder — not an invitation to strive for connection, but a call to live conscious of it.

## The Wick Reconsidered

In earlier reflections, Vov has been compared to a wick — drawing oil upward so that flame can burn. The imagery is beautiful. But read through union, it requires refinement. The Spirit does not depend upon our drawing. The flame does not survive because we sustain it. The oil does not represent our effort. If anything, the wick imagery reveals this:

Connection makes visible what already abides.

The flame burns because the oil is present.

The light shines because union exists.

Vov does not maintain covenant.

Christ does.

The Spirit within is not fragile. He is faithful.

## **Connection Without Anxiety**

Many believers have lived as though connection with God were tenuous — something easily severed by failure, dulled by weakness, disrupted by seasons of dryness. But covenant union is not emotionally regulated. It is blood-secured. The Vov year prophetically reminds the Ekklesia Assembly:

You are not held to Christ by your intensity.

You are held by His intercession.

You are not sustained by perfect spiritual output.

You are sustained by indwelling presence.

Connection is not something we rehearse to keep it alive.

It is something we recognize to live at peace.

## **The Vertical and the Horizontal**

The simple vertical line of the Vov has long been interpreted as a bridge between heaven and earth. Through Christ, that bridge is no longer under construction. It stands. But Vov also implies continuation — “and.” This carries prophetic implication for the Assembly. Union with Christ produces continuity in love toward one another. Connection with God reveals connection to His Body.

If speech (Peh) flows from the heart, and connection (Vov) secures the heart in covenant, then relational integrity becomes the natural overflow.

The Ekklesia Assembly is not merely a collection of individuals connected privately to God. It is a people joined together in Him.

## **Stability in a Year of Connection**

If this year emphasizes Vov, it may not signal dramatic new alliances or strategic networking. It may signal something quieter:

Stability in knowing you are joined.

Confidence in covenant permanence.

Peace in abiding rather than striving.

The prophetic symbolism does not say, “Create connection.”

It whispers, “Remember you are connected.”

From that remembrance, relationships can heal. Speech can soften. Postures can steady.

### **The Conduit of Peace**

When Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you,” He was not offering emotional calm. He was announcing covenant wholeness. Shalom. The same root concept associated with Shin’s refining fire finds expression through Vov’s connection. Fire purifies. Connection stabilizes. Together, they reveal a people formed — not frantic.

If there is enlargement ahead, it must rest upon secure fastening. Tents expand safely when their stakes are deep. Hooks hold firmly when what they are fastened to does not shift. Christ does not shift.

### **Living Joined**

The Vov year invites the Ekklesia Assembly into a simple but profound awareness:

You are joined.

Your speech flows from a heart that has been made a dwelling.

Your formation unfolds within a covenant already sealed.

Your future is not dependent upon re-securing what has been secured.

Vov does not initiate union.

It testifies to it.

And when union is remembered, striving subsides. The flame steadies. The Assembly matures.

And once connection is remembered — once the Ekklesia Assembly settles into the reality that union is not fragile but blood-sealed — a new question quietly emerges.

What does stability make possible?

When a tent is securely fastened, when its hooks hold firm and its stakes are driven deep, expansion no longer feels risky. Enlargement does not threaten collapse. Increase does not provoke anxiety. Strength beneath the structure makes room above it.

The prophetic symbolism of Vov brings us to this point of steadiness — joined, fastened, sustained. And it is precisely from that place of covenant security that the ancient words of Isaiah begin to breathe differently:

“Enlarge the site of your tent...  
stretch out the curtains of your dwellings...  
do not hold back...  
lengthen your cords and drive your stakes in deep.”

Read apart from union, these words can sound like pressure. Yet, read through Vov — through connection already secured — they sound like inheritance. Expansion is no longer something we must force into being. It becomes the natural outworking of a dwelling already inhabited.

# Isaiah 54 — Enlarge Your Tent

## Expansion from Indwelling Presence

Once connection is remembered — once the Ekklesia Assembly settles into covenant permanence — the language of expansion sounds different. It no longer feels like pressure. It feels like promise.

“Enlarge the site of your tent, stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not hold back; lengthen your cords and drive your stakes in deep.” — Isaiah 54:2

Read apart from union, these words can stir urgency. They can sound like instruction demanding effort. But Isaiah 54 does not begin with command. It begins with announcement. “Sing, O barren one...”

The invitation to enlarge flows from a declaration of reversal.

## From Barrenness to Inheritance

In Isaiah’s prophetic vision, the barren woman is not rebuked. She is addressed tenderly. Her emptiness is not condemned. It is named — and then redefined. Barrenness, in this passage, becomes the backdrop for divine multiplication. But multiplication in the kingdom does not begin with striving. It begins with covenant.

Isaiah 54 follows Isaiah 53. Before enlargement comes the Suffering Servant. Before expansion comes atonement. Before tents stretch wide, redemption has already been secured. This matters. The Ekklesia Assembly does not enlarge in order to become fruitful. She enlarges because fruitfulness has already been promised in Christ.

## Stakes Driven Deep

“Drive your stakes in deep.”

Through the lens of union, this is not a call to frantic preparation. It is a call to rootedness. Tents expand safely when their stakes are secure. Expansion without fastening creates instability. Enlargement without depth invites collapse. The Vov reminded us that connection is covenantal. Now Isaiah echoes the same truth in image:

Fasten yourself in what cannot move.

Deepen in what has already been established.

The enlargement envisioned here is not surface growth. It is structural strengthening.

## **Making Room for What Is Already Given**

There is a subtle difference between preparing for something new and making room for what has already been granted. Under the new covenant, the Spirit has already been poured out. The inheritance has already been secured. The promises of God are yes in Christ. So what does enlargement mean? It means increased capacity to steward indwelling presence. It means widened interior space. It means maturity.

Sometimes barrenness feels like diminishment. But sometimes it is pruning. Sometimes it is the quiet clearing away of what could not hold what is coming. Not because heaven is reluctant. But because formation precedes visible fruit.

## **Enlargement Without Anxiety**

If the Peh decade refines speech, and the Vov year stabilizes connection, then Isaiah 54 speaks to posture.

Enlarge — but do not panic.

Stretch — but do not strain.

Lengthen — but do not force.

The prophet does not say, “Manufacture children.” He says, “Make room.” The difference is profound. The Ekklesia Assembly does not produce fruit through effort. She bears fruit through abiding. Expansion, then, becomes the natural outworking of life already flowing within.

## **The Pomegranate Season Revisited**

The imagery of fruitfulness — like the pomegranate heavy with seed — is not about spectacle. It is about quiet abundance. Hundreds of seeds hidden within a single fruit. Hidden multiplication. Interior increase. In many ways, enlargement begins within before it is visible without. The tent expands internally long before the surrounding landscape changes. This is not revival language. It is formation language. The Spirit matures capacity. The Assembly grows deeper before she grows wider.

## **A Settled Confidence**

There is a temptation to read Isaiah 54 as a crescendo — as though the future hinges on our volume of belief. But covenant enlargement does not depend upon emotional intensity. It rests upon faithfulness already proven. The barren woman rejoices not because she feels productive. She rejoices because God has spoken. The Ekklesia Assembly stands in that same confidence. Not because circumstances have shifted. Not because visible increase has arrived. But because redemption has already been accomplished.

## **Expansion as Stewardship**

If this year carries prophetic significance, perhaps it is not about dramatic breakthrough. Perhaps it is about stewardship of what has quietly matured.

Driving stakes deep may look like:

- \* Settling identity.
- \* Strengthening foundations.
- \* Clarifying calling.
- \* Letting go of what was never meant to expand.

Stretching curtains may mean:

- \* Making room for others.
- \* Softening rigid structures.
- \* Allowing grace to widen margins.

Enlargement becomes less about territory. More about capacity.

## **The Tent and the Dwelling**

Under the old covenant, the tent was a place where glory descended. Under the new covenant, the dwelling has moved. The Assembly herself is the habitation of God in the Spirit. So when Isaiah speaks of enlarging tents, we read it through Christ. The dwelling is no longer external structure. It is living temple. And enlargement, then, becomes the maturation of a people who carry glory within.

## **From Union to Increase**

Because the fire was already given. Because connection has been secured. Because speech now flows from habitation. Expansion becomes safe. Not rushed. Not manufactured. Not leveraged. But received.

The Ekklesia Assembly does not enlarge to earn blessing. She enlarges because she has been blessed. And as the stakes are driven deep into covenant permanence, the tent stretches wide — not through strain, but through stability. Enlargement is no longer something to achieve. It is something to steward.

## **In Closing**

### **A Steady Flame**

If there has been one thread woven through these pages, it is this: The fire was already given.

The Tav–Shin century reminds us that the covenant is complete and the refining work of the Spirit reveals what endures.

The Peh decade invites us to examine whether our speech reflects habitation rather than striving.

The Vov year steadies us in the reality that connection to God is not fragile — it is secured in Christ.

And Isaiah’s call to enlarge the tent does not pressure us into performance. It gently invites us to make room for what has already been promised.

None of this demands urgency.

It calls for settlement.

The Ekklesia Assembly does not need to become something other than what she already is in Christ. She does not need to manufacture fire, secure union, or activate blessing. She is a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. The covenant stands. The Spirit abides. The foundation does not shift.

If there has been shattering in recent years, it has not been abandonment. It has been mercy.

If there has been pruning, it has not been punishment. It has been preparation.

If there has been diminishment, it has not been rejection. It has been clarification.

What remains is steadier than what was removed.

Living from the Fire Within — 5786  
Revised Edition

What if the fire you have been praying for has already been given? In *Living from the Fire Within — 5786*, Betty Hall reflects on the prophetic symbolism of the Hebraic year through a Christ-centered lens of union, covenant permanence, and settled inheritance. Drawing from the imagery of Tav, Shin, Peh, and Vov, this revised edition moves beyond activation language and into deeper alignment with the finished work of Christ. Rather than calling believers to ignite something new, this meditation invites the Ekklesia Assembly to live from what has already been secured — the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. This is not a call to strive. It is an invitation to settle. The fire was given. Now we learn to live from it.