

The Burning Heart

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The Lionheart

Resists the Devil and responds
to temptation with Fire and Fury

*(Growls to protect the soul
for the Glory of Jesus Christ)*

The Lambheart

Resists not evil, and responds to the Fire and Fury
of the human persecutors with Rivers of Living Water

*(Rejoices in the opportunity to yield up the
body for the Glory of Jesus Christ)*

The Forging of the Lionheart

God - The Holy Fire

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before
Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him (Psalm 50:3) . . . A
fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about (Psalm
97:3) . . . For behold, the LORD will come with fire ,And with His
chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke

with flames of fire (Isaiah 66:15) . . . For our God is a consuming fire
(Hebrews 12:29).

Pentecost

The Ripening of Wheat, The Time for Threshing and Burning Chaff

he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:11-12

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

A Brief History of the Temple

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 Chronicles 3:1

The Tribular

the threshing instrument of Pentecost

Every grain of wheat has an appointment with the Tribular, the Threshing instrument (or if corn, beneath the trampling hooves of oxen). When the grain was threshed, it was winnowed by being thrown up against the wind (Jer. 4:11), and afterwards tossed with wooden scoops (Isa. 30:24). The

shovel and the fan for winnowing are mentioned in Ps. 35:5, Job 21:18, Isa. 17:13. The refuse of straw and chaff was burned (Isa. 5:24). Freed from impurities, the grain was then laid up in granaries till used (Deut. 28:8; Prov. 3:10; Matt. 6:26; 13:30; Luke 12:18).

Wheat

- **To bring about much fruit** - it must fall into the ground and die
- **To make bread** - it must be threshed and its chaff broken away

The Lionheart

It's the Floor of Wind and Fire, where the wheat is purified and perfected and chaff is removed and burned up. That which is impure and imperfect is not allowed to remain.

The Forging of the Lambheart

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

The River of Life

There is **a river**, the streams whereof **shall make glad** the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psalms 46:4

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Joel 3:18

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Zechariah 13:1

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem . . .

Zechariah 14:8

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb . . . And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:1,17

The Innermost

He that believes on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood and water**.

John 19:34

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:** for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Luke 6:22-23

The Lambheart

It's the fountain broken open within the innermost chamber of intimacy. It's a love bursting forth, a joy uncontained, a bubbling up of Living Water that must go out and pour forth. It's the Life of Jesus within, joyfully gushing forth with every opportunity the "end of the spear" affords.

The Fellowship of the Burning Heart

a sacred league of lionhearted lambs with pierced sides

The Fellowship of the Burning Heart? How will you recognize them?

30 Defining Attributes

1. They are those who are armed with the same mind as Christ was armed - prepared to suffer in the Body (1 Peter 4:1)
2. They are those who do not consider it strange to encounter fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12)
3. They are those who rejoice for the privilege of sharing in Christ's sufferings (1 Peter 4:13)
4. They are those who are unashamed of the fact that they suffer for righteousness (1 Peter 4:16)
5. They are those who consider it the highest privilege to fill up in their bodies what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body (Colossians 1:24)

6. They are those who are immovable and undaunted in affliction, for they know that they are commissioned, even appointed, to suffering, affliction, and tribulation. (1 Thessalonians 3:2-4,12)
7. They are those who are troubled on every side, yet do not get distressed; those who are perplexed, but do not despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)
8. They are those that are always bearing about in their body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in their body. (2 Corinthians 4:10)
9. They are those that yearn to share in the fellowship of His sufferings, and desire to be conformed to His death. (Philippians 3:10)
10. They are those who are not ashamed of the testimony of Jesus Christ, but are partakers of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God. (2 Timothy 1:8)
11. They are those that know that all things (whether it be *tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword, or any other affliction*) work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)
12. They are those that accept with joy the fact that for Christ's sake they are killed all the day long; accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (Romans 8:35-36)
13. They are those that know that all afflictions and all trials shall turn to their salvation through prayer and through the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:19)
14. They are those that are utterly confident that they shall not be ashamed for the confidence they have placed in Jesus Christ, and whether its by life or by death, Christ shall be magnified in their body. (Philippians 1:20)
15. They are those that know that to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:21)
16. They are those that are gladly spent for the glory of God, and faint not through the difficult trials, imprisonments, and the many afflictions. (2 Corinthians 4:15-16)
17. They are those that are confident that as suffering and afflictions tear down and decompose their outward body, their inward man is renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)
18. They are those that know that their current afflictions, work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. (2 Corinthians 4:17)
19. They are those that know that if their earthly house (their body) were dissolved, that they have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2 Corinthians 5:1)
20. They are those that will gladly spend their bodies and spill their blood because of love for Jesus Christ and for His Body, the church. (2 Corinthians 12:15)

21. They are those that rejoice and are exceeding glad when they are reviled, persecuted, and all manner of evil is spoken against them falsely for the sake of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 5:11-12)
22. They are those that rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.(Acts 5:41)
23. They are those that are exceeding joyful in all their tribulation. (2 Corinthians 7:4)
24. They are those that consider it pure joy when they face trials of many kinds. (James 1:2)
25. They are those that know that where the sufferings of Christ abound, so the consolation, comfort, and satisfaction of Christ abounds. (2 Corinthians 1:5)
26. They are those whose hope is steadfast and whose endurance is strong though they be pressed out of measure, above their human strength to handle, in so much that they despair even of life. (2 Corinthians 1:6-8)
27. They are those whose boast is in their Christ, His sufferings, and the fact that they are privileged to share in the fellowship of those sufferings - in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths often. with scourging, stoning, stripes, beatings, shipwrecks, perils, weariness, painfulness, watchings, hunger, thirst, fastings, cold and nakedness. (2 Corinthians 11:23-27)
28. They are those that endure all things for Jesus Christ and for the sake of the elect. (2 Timothy 2:9-10)
29. They are those that do not consider the sufferings of this present time as worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in them. (Romans 8:18)
30. They are those that know it was fitting for Jesus to become perfect through suffering, and it is also fitting for them to be perfected in the same manner. (Hebrews 2:10)

The Pattern of the Burning Heart

23 of the 30 above descriptions were given by Paul the Apostle

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:9) . . . Therefore I urge you, imitate me (1 Corinthians 4:16) . . . Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. (Philippians 3:17) . . . Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2:10

That I may know . . . the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to His death . . .

Philippians 3:10

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.

1 Peter 4:1

Understanding Suffering

Jesus Must Suffer

And He answered and told them . . . it is written of the Son of man, that

He must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

Mark 9:12

From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that **He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer** many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Matthew 16:21

And He began to teach them, that **the Son of man must suffer** many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:31

But first **He must suffer** many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Luke 17:25

Paul Must Suffer

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 9:15-16

You Must Suffer?

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind . . . Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings . . . if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

1 Peter 4:1,12-13,16

. . . No man should be moved by these afflictions: **for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.** For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and you know . . . Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4,12

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but **be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of God.

2 Timothy 1:8

In Other Words . . . The Body of Christ Must Suffer

Why Must the Body Suffer?

1. **For the perfecting of the Saints** (Embracing the Tribular)

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:8-11

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4

2. **For the Revelation of Glory** (Drawn out by the Spear)

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4:8-12

3. **For Overcoming Evil** (The power of good)

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21

Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

1 Corinthians 4:12-13

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ . . . stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition (destruction), but to you of salvation, and that from God. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

Philippians 1:27-30

4. **For the Love of our King** (The Bondservant)

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss **for Christ.**

Yet indeed I also count all things loss **for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I**

have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, **that I**

may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith

in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **that I may**

know Him and the power of His resurrection, **and the**

fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11

5. For the Love of the brethren (Is not the Lamb that was Slain worthy?)

Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Timothy 2:10

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

2 Corinthians 12:15

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles . . . Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 3:1,13

Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

Philippians 2:17

6. For the Filling up of what is left (How long, Oh Lord?)

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church . . .

Colossians 1:24

I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and

avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Revelation 6:9-11

Lambhearted Suffering

The Nuclear Weapon in the Christian Arsenal

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

The Five Keys to Lambhearted Suffering

Piece #1

Embracing Weakness

for it is the fertile soil from which Strength thunders forth

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

2 Corinthians 13:4

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in

distresses, for Christ's sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Piece #2

Enduring Every Hardship with Faith
for God Himself will oversee your success

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Piece #3

Loving those who Persecute
for this is how God responds

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.

Luke 23:34

Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not charge them with this sin. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:60

Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:9

Piece #4

Suffering with Joy

for the joy of the Lord is our strength

1 Peter 1:6-8

The Suffering - We are grieved by many trials

The Response - We greatly rejoice; we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory

Matthew 5:11-12

The Suffering - We are reviled, persecuted, and falsely accused

The Response - Blessed are we, let us rejoice and be exceeding glad

1 Peter 4:12-13

The Suffering - We are partakers of Christ's sufferings

The Response - We may be glad with exceeding joy

2 Corinthians 7:4

The Suffering - We enduring tribulations

The Response - We are exceeding joyful

James 1:2-4

The Suffering - We face trials and testings

The Response - We count it all joy

Piece #5

Persevering with Hope

for hope will not disappoint

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

When the Lion and when the Lamb?

The Lionheart must be used exclusively against that which Jesus came to judge - that which He showed His Lionheart towards.

- Sin
- The Devil
- The Flesh
- The Powers of Darkness
- Religious Pharisaism
- Corruption of Innocence
- Extortion of the weak and vulnerable

The Lambheart must be used toward that which Jesus came to rescue.

- Men and Women (whether evil or good)

The Lionhearted Lamb

- To be wronged, but to not allow your soul to go wrong - this is the Christian victory
- To be struck on the cheek, but to not give way to anger, offense, or grievance within - this is the Christian means of waging war, for by “Lionhearted Lamb” response, the Glory of God is made manifest in this earth and the powers of the Enemy are set-back

- To be asked to carry an unjust load and unjust distance, and to carry it with “Lionhearted Lambness” intact, is to create an open heaven, for the soul’s of lost ones to witness the supernatural grace of the Almighty.
- To be asked to perpetrate evil, and to say “No!” with a Lionhearted vehemence and to thusly suffer greater pain, as a result, with Lambhearted love is to truly bring pleasure to the heart of God.
- To see someone else unjustly struck on the cheek, and to stand up with Lionhearted indignation is to serve the course of justice and thusly the course of King Jesus.

The Martyr’s Pastor

How Do I Answer the Questions?

- *When they command me to renounce my King?*
- *When they threaten to harm my wife and children?*
- *When they abuse me?*
- *When I am sitting in squalor?*
- *Dear Pastor, last night they beat my feet with rods because I said I could not sign the document. The pain was great. I passed out somewhere along the way, and woke up in the middle of the night in a black prison chamber lying in filth. They must have sent me into isolation. It is a sickening place. I can hardly breathe down here in this squalor. My body is racked with pain. My feet are broken to pieces and seem utterly useless. They are swollen up like . . . I have nothing for the pain. Tell me what to do?*

Dear Lionhearted Lambs

- You must be Lionhearted. Never for a minute, touch the self-pity that is knocking on your soul. It will crush you.
- This suffering is not strange, but precisely what God promised you would face.
- You have grace for this suffering and will not be tested or tempted beyond what you can bear.
- God promises that this suffering will only make you stronger.

- By the power of the Spirit of God, you can endure this. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in this world.
- You must mind your soul with Lionhearted vigilance. Don't allow a grievance to form. And forgive with Lambhearted mercies. No matter what they do to you or to those you love, choose to let the Lambhearted graces of our Precious Jesus pour out of your pierced side.
- As Pastor Wurmbrand says, God's love, even in the face of torture, is always the best of ways.
- Keep your mind on God's Word. Repeat it to yourselves throughout the day. Remember the precious Words of Christ. Carve them into the walls, share them with those around you. Treat it as your daily bread, and it will sustain you in the hungriest and darkest hour.
- Don't grow low. Don't take on the attitude of your environment. But rather, sing songs of praise. Rejoice. Make the chains your instruments. Leap for joy.
- Remember those that are in chains about you and around the world. Turn outward and make the suffering around you your priority and the subject of your praying. Forget yourself and spend and be spent for those dying around you. Wash the feet of the other prisoners. Clean their wounds. Share with them your food. Supply them your blanket. Do unto them as Jesus did unto you.
- Go after the guard's souls. Seek to turn them to Jesus with your testimony. Love them even when they hate you. Be kind to them even when they hurt you. Forgive them even when they destroy you and destroy those you love. Ache for their souls, for they are lost and know not what they are doing.

We Must Repent

We must change our mind about suffering, affliction, trials, and testings.

We must change our mind about tribulation. What does God say? He declares that it is that which builds us strong, that which supplies us endurance, that which crafts our character, and that through which God's glory is made manifest.

We Must Receive the Wounds Gladly

Oh, if we could be wise enough to choose, even were as wise as the Lord Himself, we would choose the troubles which He

has appointed to us, and we would not spare ourselves a single pang.

Charles Spurgeon