



## **The Lightnings of God (Supernatural Sunday) Sunday Sermon, June 28, 2026 – Sermon Outline**

In Scripture God uses elements of nature to reveal certain aspects about His nature and His Person. We see many examples in Scripture: God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29), like the wind (John 3:8), like the river (John 7:37-39), etc.

One interesting element in nature that God uses to reveal aspects of Himself is lightning.

Lightning in nature represents great power, happens suddenly, and can have powerful impact.

Lightning is one of the Bible's symbols of the immediate manifestation of God's glory, holiness, power, authority, judgment, revelation, victory, and supernatural activity. It communicates that heaven is breaking into the earthly realm with irresistible power. Let's consider this today and then expect the lightnings of God to "strike" us!

### **HEAVENLY COUNTENANCE LIKE LIGHTNING**

#### **Daniel 10:5-6**

**5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!**

**6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.**

The "appearance of lightning: here represents overwhelming glory, supernatural purity, irresistible authority and the brilliance of heaven.

Everything about the angelic being overwhelms the senses. Daniel is overwhelmed.

The brightness is not decorative—it is the visible expression of heavenly nature.

#### **Matthew 28:1-3**

**1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.**

**2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.**

**Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.**

**Mat 28:4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.**



Lightning communicates heavenly authority that no earthly power can resist. The Roman soldiers collapsed under its power.  
Lightning is not merely brightness. It is concentrated glory.

## THE LIGHTNING OF HIS PRESENCE

### Exodus 20:18-21

**18 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.**

**19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."**

**20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."**

**21 So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.**

God uses several elements here: thunder, lightning, fire, smoke, earthquake, trumpet. Every created element became a witness to God's divine presence. God was not just present. He was revealed in fearful, terrible majesty. It was awesome. It created an overwhelming sense of God's holy presence and majesty that the people withdrew. Sin cannot stand in His presence. Interestingly, Moses drew near. He walked into this presence.

## FROM HIS THRONE PROCEEDS LIGHTNINGS

### Revelation 4:5

**And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

This is fascinating. Lightning is not merely near the throne. It proceeds from the throne. There is continuous lightning, thunder and voices emanating from the throne.

This speaks to us about the power and majesty of God's rule and reign. His Kingdom and government are never passive. Power continually flows from His throne.

Lightning from the throne speaks to us of overwhelming authority and power, His omnipotence and His rules that extends over all. God's throne radiates His awesome power.



(Majesty, Worship His Majesty)

## **LIGHTNING FLASHING FROM HIS HAND**

**Habakkuk 3:1-4**

**1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, on Shigionoth.**

**2 O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy.**

**3 God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise.**

**4 His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden.**

Some translations render "rays", others "flashes".

The Hebrew suggests beams or flashing rays.

The picture here is remarkable. Power is hidden in His hand. Lightning emerges from His hand.

The hand represents God's works, His actions, what He can do.

The hand symbolizes His authority, miracles, salvation, everything He does!

Lightning from His hand means His actions are filled with great power and release divine power.

All of creation obeys. Demons flee. Nations shake.

"There His power was hidden" - meaning, even what we see is only a glimpse. The fullness of His power remains concealed. Having seen all we have seen, we still have no comprehension of the full measure of His power!

## **THE LORD'S DELIVERANCE COMES LIKE LIGHTNING**

**2 Samuel 22:14-15**

**14 "The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice.**

**15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them.**

God utters His voice. He releases His 'arrows' and His lightnings scatter the enemies.

Lightning here is used to portray God's weapons and His powerful deliverance and intervention in our lives.



### **Zechariah 9:14-16**

**14 Then the LORD will be seen over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning. The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And go with whirlwinds from the south.**

**15 The LORD of hosts will defend them; They shall devour and subdue with slingstones. They shall drink and roar as if with wine; They shall be filled with blood like basins, Like the corners of the altar.**

**16 The LORD their God will save them in that day, As the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land—**

God's arrow.

His judgments, deliverance and interventions are instant, precise and unstoppable.

Lightning travels faster than human response. Likewise God's deliverance arrives with supernatural speed.

### **ENCOUNTERING THE LIGHTNINGS OF GOD**

#### **Acts 9:1-6**

**1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest**

**2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.**

**3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.**

**4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"**

**5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."**

**6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."**

We recognize that Luke does not explicitly call it lightning. Instead he says: "a light from heaven."

Paul later recounts the event as being brighter than the sun (see Acts 26:13).

This heavenly brilliance overwhelms him.

In this encounter with the lightning of God there was immediate surrender, a revelation of God's calling and a divine commissioning.

Like lightning, the encounter was sudden, inescapable and life-changing.

### **HIS COMING IS LIKE LIGHTNING**



**Matthew 24:27 (Luke 17:24)**

**For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

Finally, we note that God uses lightning to point to the suddenness of His return. He will come suddenly. He will come in an all-encompassing manner. We will know it has happened but cannot tell the start and the finish. In a twinkling of an eye, it is over!

**SUMMARY**

So, let's try to summarize some of these insights.

The Lightnings of God represent:

- 1. God's glory** - Lightning is too brilliant to stare at. Likewise, God's glory exceeds human capacity.
- 2. Suddenness** - Lightning appears instantly. God often intervenes unexpectedly. His return will be sudden.
- 3. Power** - No human controls lightning. Likewise, no one controls God.
- 4. Holiness** - Lightning causes fear. God's holiness produces reverence.
- 5. Revelation** - Lightning briefly illuminates everything. God's revelation exposes reality instantly.
- 6. Judgment** - Lightning destroys. God judges evil decisively.
- 7. Deliverance** - The same lightning that terrifies enemies rescues God's people. One manifestation. Different outcomes.
- 8. Heavenly nature** - Angels shine like lightning because they reflect the glory of the One they serve. God doesn't just have lightning; lightning issues from His presence, His throne, or His hand. He is the Source. Heavenly beings bear the appearance of lightning because they participate in His glory, not because they originate it.

The symbol of lightning speaks to us about the power of God who actively reveals Himself. It speaks of the radiance of His glory, the purity of His holiness, the authority of His throne, the power of His hand, the speed with which He intervenes, the transforming impact of an encounter with His presence and the suddenness of His return.

When God acts, heaven's power is manifested with brilliance, authority, and unstoppable effect.

**GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL**



## **SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



### **LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

## **The Lightnings of God Sunday Sermon, June 28, 2026 – Sermon Outline**

There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

**Life Group Leader:** To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

### **Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

### **LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *see below*

### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.



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*1, Review the significance and comparisons of lightning as a natural element, when used in Scripture to speak of various aspects of God. What does this reveal to us about who God is and what He does. After discussions pray for the lightnings of God to 'strike' you, your life, your situations.*

*Heavenly Countenance (Daniel 10:5-6, Matthew 28:1-3)*

*Divine Presence (Exodus 20:18-21)*

*His Throne (Revelation 4:5)*

*Flashes from His hand (Habakkuk 3:1-4)*

*The Lord's Deliverance comes like lightning (2 Samuel 22:14-15, Zechariah 9:14-16)*

*Encountering the lightning of God (Acts 9:1-6)*

*His return (Matthew 24:27, Luke 17:24)*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

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### SERMON OUTLINE

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### **KEYWORDS**

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