

Is Not His Word Like A Fire!

Aria for baritone from the oratorio *Elijah*

English translation by *William Bartholomew* (1793–1867) of the original German text by *Julius Schubring* (1806–1889), based on the Book of Kings and the psalms.

Set by *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy* (1809–1847), op.70

Is	not	His	word	like	a	fire?
[ɪz	nɒt	hɪz	wɜːd	laɪk	ʌ	fɑɪə]

And like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces?

For God is angry with the wicked every day;

and if the wicked turn not,

the Lord will whet His sword;

and He hath bent His bow, and made it ready!

Is not His word like a fire?

And like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces?

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