

“God’s Consuming Fire”

Hebrews 12:25-29

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I. Fire Moments in the Bible

- Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 19
“Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens” v.24.
 - This was the fire of _____.
- Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. 1Kings 18
“Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench” v.38.
 - This was the fire of _____.
- Moses and the Burning Bush. Exodus 3
“Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground” v.5.
 - This was the fire of _____.
- ❖ Every place where God’s fire comes, He _____ and _____.
- Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. Exodus
“And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light...” 13:21.
 - This was the fire of _____.

- Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego - Fiery Furnace. Daniel 3
“Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God” v.23.
 - This was the fire of _____.
- John the Baptist. Matthew 3
“I baptize you with water, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire” v.11
- ❖ The Baptism of fire:
 - _____ - Light to guide us into the truth of God.
 - _____ - Kindling love towards God and our fellowman.
 - _____ - Burning away the dross and leaving the good.
- II.** Fire is a perfect metaphor for Worship.
 - Abraham and Isaac. Genesis 22
 - This was the fire of _____.
 - ❖ In Scripture, a sacrificial offering with fire was a _____ experience.
 - We cannot experience God in His _____ outside of community.
“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” Genesis 1:26.
- III.** We must engage our Culture with God’s Fire.
 - Being relevant to our culture is not an _____, it is a _____!
 - ❖ The wonderful thing about fire is that it is _____.