

Fire of God
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“According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.” I Corinthians 3:10-15 NKJV

“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 created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

“For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” Romans 14:7-9 NKJV

“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.” II Corinthians 5:14-15 NKJV

“For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.” Romans 6:10 NKJV

Fire is in the Bible 474 times. God spoke from within the burning bush. God wrapped Himself around the fire of God. The “Fire of God” speaks of

enthusiasm, excitement, zeal, and passion". As believers, we should all desire to be on fire for God. The theme of the fire of God all throughout the scripture.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people." Exodus 19:10-11 NKJV

"Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly." Exodus 19:18 NKJV

"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, so as to go by day and night." Exodus 13:21 NKJV

He leads us today by the fire of the Holy Spirit, the zeal of God and the enthusiasm of the Lord to burn within us.

"Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;" Revelation 1:12-15 NKJV

"The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel." Exodus 24:17 NKJV

"And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, 'and I will be its glory within.'" Zechariah 2:5 NIV

Her he's talking about the city of Jerusalem. God points out that His glory is a shield and safeguard around us.

"For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:29 NKJV

We need to be a people that understand that our God is a consuming fire, but seek to experience the Fire of God. God answers by fire.

“So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel.” 1 Kings 18:20 NIV

“Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”” 1 Kings 18:21-24 NIV

“Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.” 1 Kings 18:29 NIV

“At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”” 1 Kings 18:36-39 NIV

““I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Matthew 3:11 NIV

The Greek word for baptize is baptizo, which means “to immerse, to submerge. God is saying I’m going to put you into the fire.

The fire won’t harm. The fire will help you.

The fire won't burn you. The fire will empower you.
The fire won't scar you. The fire will captivate your heart.

“And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.”” Hebrews 1:7 NKJV

What would happen if you became the fire of God.

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