

God is a Consuming Fire

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Introduction

The Bible speaks a lot about the idea of fire. I am not a fire expert by any means. I know some basic things about what fire can do. It has a destructive quality in that it can burn trees, houses, clothes, and anything that is in its path. Depending on the way it is used in the Scripture, the word has different meanings. The Lord has been speaking to me lately about how He is going to be releasing His all-consuming fire in conjunction with His jealousy for the sole purposes of bringing purification, refinement, and function into the lives of individuals, churches, leaders, and nations across the world. I am feeling in the spirit this is a timeframe we are currently living in at this point.

It is not my intention to write another book on the fire or jealousy of God, because these resources have already been penned by our pastor and dear friend Pastor Ron Crawford.¹ Allow me to simply say, when God visits in His fire and jealousy, it is intended for the people of God to be purified and refined by the Spirit of Judgment and Burning and indicates a new thing God is doing in the heart and mind of the receiver. His divine jealousy must never be equated or compared to the human jealousy of mankind. Human and divine jealousy are not, and I repeat, not the same. God rises in this way because He passionately desires for all men to be functioning in His eternal plan and purpose He has predestined before the foundation of the world. We can do our utmost best to try and compare divine jealousy with things in the natural realm, but none of these really do it much justice. God is motivated with perfect desire and intent. On the other hand, humans, even those in partnership with heaven, must always realize we still have a carnal nature that is against the things of the Spirit.

¹ Please obtain a copy of the Fire of God by Pastor Ron Crawford from Pneumatikos Publishing at www.pneumatikos.com.

Close commune is necessary for us to continue to be renewed in our thinking and know His mind and heart. Let us turn our attention to several passages in scripture that speak of the all-consuming fire and jealousy of our God.

Chapter 1

Yahweh and Elohim: A Consuming Fire

Moses was a human being called by God to commune with God in remarkable ways. He was also one given powerful, revelatory things, too. The verses below speak of God being described as a consuming fire and a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 ²³ *Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.* ²⁴ *For the LORD [Yahweh-eternal plan] thy God [Elohim-heart of God] is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. [Elohim-heart of God]*

I love this because it speaks of some of the most remarkable facets of the person of God. I realize this is an Old Testament recounting, but it is still very much applicable in our day. There are many principles and realities which reveal and speak about God and His interactions with His people. We cannot, nor should we, put restraints on God. Can God really be restrained by a human being? Absolutely not. Who is really being affected in a negative way, anyway? It is the individual with the restraints. We are partners with God, and choose to move with Him, or not.

Take Heed to Yourselves

I think it is very interesting how the above verses begin. We need to remember that God is always relating to us on a very personal, customized basis. With Moses, He was telling him the importance of “taking heed,” which is the Hebrew word *shamar*. It means to hedge about with thorns, guard, protect, or attend to. When this language is communicated, we need to make sure to pay close attention to the message. It is something very personal. God wants us to be a people that will protect and guard over the things He deems important and of priceless value. Why would He say these kinds of things to His people? For one, the enemy and his demonic forces are driven to bring destruction and division. They will do whatever is necessary to cause people to be led astray or forget the covenant of Yahweh, or His eternal plan.

Forget Not the Covenant

God continues telling Moses why this important for the people of God. He does not want us to forget, mislay or be oblivious of something. What is it that God does not want us to become forgetful of in this verse? The covenant that He has established with His people. His covenant for the people of God at the time of Moses was what God was establishing for the people at that timeframe. This spectacular exchange and discussion about the covenant is regarding the names of God known as Yahweh and Elohim. He is wanting to join with individuals, churches, leaders, and nations across the world in establishing His eternal covenant, which refers to His plan and heart. He is reaching out to make a new covenant with those willing to lay it all down to know Him.

Let me ask you a question. What is God covenanting with His people in our day? He is speaking freshly concerning what His plan and heart is doing in this hour. God is calling and