

Message Two

The Basis of All Our Priestly Service— the Fire from the Altar of Burnt Offering

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Scripture Reading: Lev. 9:24; 6:12-13; 10:1-11; Heb. 12:29;

Luke 12:49-50; Rev. 4:5; Exo. 3:2-6

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- Lev 10:10 Both to make a distinction between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean;
- Lev 10:11 And to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which Jehovah has spoken to them through Moses.
- Heb 12:29 For our God is also a consuming fire.
- Luke 12:49 I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!
- Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am pressed until it is accomplished!
- Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
- Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. And when he looked, there was the thornbush, burning with fire; but the thornbush was not consumed.
- Exo 3:3 And Moses said, I must turn aside now and see this great sight, why the thornbush does not burn up.
- Exo 3:4 And when Jehovah saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the midst of the thornbush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here I am.
- Exo 3:5 And He said, Do not come near here. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.
- Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

I. God is a consuming fire—Heb. 12:29; Deut. 4:24; 9:3:

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Deut 4:24 For Jehovah your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Deut 9:3 Know therefore today that Jehovah your God is the One crossing over before you as a consuming fire; it is He who will destroy them, and it is He who will subdue them before you, so that you may dispossess them and destroy them quickly, as Jehovah has said to you.

- A. As the burning One, God is holy; holiness is His nature, and whatever does not correspond with His holy nature, He, as the consuming fire, will consume—Heb. 12:29.
 Heb 12:29 For our God is also a consuming fire.
- B. In Daniel 7:9-10 God's throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire, and a stream of fire issued forth and came out from before Him; the fire here indicates that God is absolutely righteous and altogether holy.
 Dan 7:9 I watched / Until thrones were set, / And the Ancient of Days sat down. / His clothing was like white snow, / And the hair of His head was like pure wool; / His throne was flames of fire, / Its wheels, burning fire.
 Dan 7:10 A stream of fire issued forth / And came out from before Him. / Thousands of thousands ministered to Him, / And ten thousands of ten thousands stood before Him. / The court of judgment sat, / And the books were opened.
- C. Through His death the Lord released Himself into man as the fire of life to burn on the earth—Luke 12:49-50; John 12:24:
 Luke 12:49 I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!
 Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am pressed until it is accomplished!
 John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
1. The pneumatic Christ as the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit is a burning fire—
 Heb. 12:29; Rev. 4:5; 5:6; 1:14; cf. Zech. 2:5.
 Heb 12:29 For our God is also a consuming fire.
 Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
 Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
 Rev 1:14 And His head and hair were as white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;
 Zech 2:5 For I will be her wall of fire round about, declares Jehovah, and I will be the glory within her.
 2. This fire is the impulse (the impelling force) of the spiritual life, an impulse that comes from the Lord's released divine life.
 3. "We all have been burned by this fire; we have been brought together by this fire; and now we are burdened that this fire would burn many others. When the concealed glory of Christ's divinity was released, a divine fire was cast on earth to burn the whole earth. Let the fire burn on! No one can stop it"—*The Issue of Christ Being Glorified by the Father with the Divine Glory*, pp. 11-12.
- D. The seven Spirits of God are the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne; these lamps of fire are for the carrying out of God's administration—Rev. 4:5.
 Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
- E. The fire burning out of the midst of the thornbush was the Triune God, the God of resurrection—Exo. 3:2, 4, 6; Matt. 22:31-32.
 Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. And when he looked, there was the thornbush, burning with fire; but the thornbush was not consumed.
 Exo 3:4 And when Jehovah saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the midst of the thornbush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here I am.
 Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
 Matt 22:31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

- Matt 22:32 "I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob"? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
- F. The word of God is a fire that burns us and many of the things in which we have confidence—Jer. 23:29; 5:14; 20:9.
- Jer 23:29 Is not My word thus-like fire, declares Jehovah, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?
- Jer 5:14 Therefore thus says Jehovah / The God of hosts: / Because they have spoken this word, / I am now making My words / A fire in your mouth, / And this people wood; / And it will consume them.
- Jer 20:9 But if I say, I will not mention Him / Or speak anymore in His name, / Then it is in my heart like a burning fire, / Shut up in my bones, / And I am weary of holding it in, / Nor can I.
- G. Those who have a desire to serve God must know that God is a consuming fire that burns and energizes; when God comes to the earth, fire comes to the earth, and when God enters into man, fire enters into man and burns in him—Heb. 12:29; Luke 12:49.
- Heb 12:29 For our God is also a consuming fire.
- Luke 12:49 I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!
- H. The fire that burned on the altar of the burnt offering came down from the heavens—Lev. 9:24:
- Lev 9:24 Then fire came forth from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they gave a ringing shout and fell on their faces.
1. After coming down from the heavens, this fire burned continually upon the altar—6:13.
Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
 2. The divine fire, the burning Triune God, enables us to serve and even to sacrifice our lives—Rom. 12:11; cf. Acts 15:26; 20:24; 21:13.
Rom 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.
Acts 15:26 Men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 20:24 But I consider my life of no account as if precious to myself, in order that I may finish my course and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus to solemnly testify of the gospel of the grace of God.
Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

II. Every priestly service to God must be based on the fire from the altar of burnt offering, and our service must be the issue of the burning of this fire—Lev. 9:24; 16:12-13; 6:13; 10:1-11:

- Lev 9:24 Then fire came forth from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they gave a ringing shout and fell on their faces.
- Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Jehovah, with his hands full of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil.
- Lev 16:13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the expiation cover that is over the Testimony, so that he does not die.
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- Lev 10:11 And to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which Jehovah has spoken to them through Moses.
- A. God wanted the service of the children of Israel to be based on this fire; the burning of incense was their service to God, but the fire used for burning incense had to be taken from the altar—6:13; 16:12-13.
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- B. Our service must come out of the burning of God's fire—Exo. 3:2-6.
- Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. And when he looked, there was the thornbush, burning with fire; but the thornbush was not consumed.
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- Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- C. Fire is a source of energy; in order for our service to be full of energy, our service must pass through the fire from the altar—Lev. 6:13:
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
1. This fire should be the energy, the driving force, the impulse, within us; if we have this fire, our service will be out of God, not out of ourselves—Luke 12:49.
Luke 12:49 I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!
 2. The energy and the motivating power for the New Testament service began with fire from heaven; the fire that descended upon the Galilean fishermen became the energy and the motivating power within them—Acts 2:3.
Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which were distributed; and it sat on each one of them;
 3. This fire burns on those who love God, who offer themselves to God, who are willing to forsake everything for God, and who are willing to place themselves in His hands in order to be broken—Lev. 9:24.
Lev 9:24 Then fire came forth from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they gave a ringing shout and fell on their faces.
- D. The fire from the altar is the genuine motivating power of service—6:13:
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

1. What God does concerning our service is to send His fire to burn within us—Luke 12:49; Rom. 12:11.
 Luke 12:49 I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!
 Rom 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.
 2. If we offer ourselves to God sincerely, fire will descend from heaven and burn us; this burning will become the energy that moves us, and the issue of this burning will be our service.
- E. The fire from the altar produces a powerful service:
1. The altar of burnt offering is the cross of the Lord Jesus, and the fire is the Spirit—Gal. 2:20; Acts 2:3-4.
 Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
 Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which were distributed; and it sat on each one of them;
 Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, even as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.
 2. The basis of genuine service is knowing the cross and placing ourselves on the cross in order to be gained by God and to allow the divine fire to burn within us; this produces service—Lev. 6:13; Rom. 12:11.
 Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
 Rom 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.
- F. Those who experience the fire from the altar build with gold, silver, and precious stones—1 Cor. 3:12:
- 1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,
 1. Such a work is full of the element of God, has the power of the cross, and expresses God—1:18; Phil. 1:20.
 1 Cor 1:18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
 2. Only the work that is produced through burning is of gold, silver, and precious stones; the work that is not produced through burning is of wood, grass, and stubble—1 Cor. 3:12.
 1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,
 3. The day will come when the work of each will be tested by fire; if our work is the issue of fire, our work will stand the test of fire—v. 13.
 1 Cor 3:13 The work of each will become manifest; for the day will declare it, because it is revealed by fire, and the fire itself will prove each one's work, of what sort it is.

III. We must serve God not with strange fire but with the fire from the altar—

Lev. 10:1-2; 9:24; 6:13:

- Lev 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in them and laid incense on it, and they presented strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them.
- Lev 10:2 And fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed them, and they died before Jehovah.
- Lev 9:24 Then fire came forth from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they gave a ringing shout and fell on their faces.
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- A. According to typology, strange fire is any fire other than that which burns on the altar—10:1.
 Lev 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in them and laid incense on it, and they presented strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them.
- B. The failure of Nadab and Abihu lay in their failure to use the fire from the altar; what they used was common fire, not holy fire.
- C. Strange fire signifies man's natural enthusiasm, natural affection, natural strength, and natural ability offered to God.
- D. Strange fire is fire of the self; it is fire that issues from the soulish life, the fleshly life, and the natural life—Matt. 16:24-26; 1 Cor. 2:14:
 Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
 Matt 16:25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.
 Matt 16:26 For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
 1 Cor 2:14 But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know them because they are discerned spiritually.
1. Strange fire means that the self-life interferes with the works of God.
 2. Although the works are God's, the self-life wants to dictate the way that the works are carried out.
 3. Offering up strange fire is employing the self's methods and wisdom and insisting on the self's proposals in the service of God.
- E. Nadab and Abihu were judged not because they did something that was not for God but because they acted according to the natural life and did something for God in a natural way—Lev. 10:1-2.
 Lev 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in them and laid incense on it, and they presented strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them.
 Lev 10:2 And fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed them, and they died before Jehovah.
- F. The offering of strange fire was a sin of presumption; Nadab and Abihu presumed to do something for God—Psa. 19:13.
 Psa 19:13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; / Do not let them have dominion over me; / Then I will be blameless and cleared / Of great transgression.
- G. This is a strong warning showing us that, in touching the divine things, we need to apply the cross to our natural life; otherwise, we will suffer spiritual death.
- H. God pays attention not only to whether there is fire but also to the source and nature of the fire; our zeal must come from the altar—Lev. 6:13.
 Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- I. Everyone who is called of God must realize that he is a thornbush with a fire burning within him and that this fire is God Himself—Exo. 3:2-6:
 Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. And when he looked, there was the thornbush, burning with fire; but the thornbush was not consumed.
 Exo 3:3 And Moses said, I must turn aside now and see this great sight, why the thornbush does not burn up.
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 Exo 3:5 And He said, Do not come near here. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.
 Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

1. We need to learn one lesson: to work for God without using the natural life, with its energy, strength, and ability, as the fuel but by letting God burn within us.
2. We need to be burning in spirit, serving the Lord as a slave with the fire of His life, not with strange fire, which brings in spiritual death—Rom. 12:11; Lev. 10:1-2.
 Rom 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.
 Lev 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in them and laid incense on it, and they presented strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them.
 Lev 10:2 And fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed them, and they died before Jehovah.

IV. The fire on the altar of burnt offering should be kept burning continually; *it must not go out, and it shall not go out—6:12-13:*

- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- A. Day by day and on many occasions, we need to offer ourselves in Christ to God as a continual burnt offering to be burned by Him so that we may burn others—cf. Rom. 12:1-2; Num. 28:2-4, 9-11, 16-19, 26-27; 29:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 39-40.
- Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- Num 28:2 Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.
- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- Num 28:4 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;
- Num 28:9 And on the Sabbath day two male lambs a year old without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, and its drink offering -
- Num 28:10 This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
- Num 28:11 And at the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bulls of the herd and one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish;
- Num 28:16 And in the first month on the fourteenth day of the month shall be Jehovah's Passover.
- Num 28:17 And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast; seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten.
- Num 28:18 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor;
- Num 28:19 But you shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bulls of the herd and one ram and seven male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish for you;
- Num 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when you present a new meal offering to Jehovah on your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor;
- Num 28:27 But you shall present a burnt offering for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah: two bulls of the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old;
- Num 29:1 Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor. It is a day of blowing of trumpets for you.
- Num 29:2 And you shall offer a burnt offering for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah: one bull of the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish;
- Num 29:7 And on the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work.

- Num 29:8 And you shall present a burnt offering to Jehovah for a satisfying fragrance: one bull of the herd, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish for you;
- Num 29:12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor, and you shall hold a feast to Jehovah seven days.
- Num 29:13 And you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah: thirteen bulls of the herd, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish;
- Num 29:39 These you shall offer to Jehovah in your appointed feasts, besides your vows and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your meal offerings and for your drink offerings and for your peace offerings.
- Num 29:40 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses.

B. The Spirit causes our spirit to be burning and our gifts to be flaming; hence, we should not quench Him—1 Thes. 5:19; Rom. 12:11; 2 Tim. 1:6:

1 Thes 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit;

Rom 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.

2 Tim 1:6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

1. We must allow the Lord to burn us and to keep us burning continually by fanning our God-given spirit into flame—vv. 6-7.
 - 2 Tim 1:6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
 - 2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.
2. We must enjoy God as the fire of love to love Him and others with His love—2 Cor. 5:14; S. S. 8:6-7; 2 Tim. 1:7.
 - 2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;
 - S.S. 8:6 Set me as a seal on your heart, / As a seal on your arm; / For love is as strong as death, / Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol; / Its flashes are the flashes of fire, / A flame of Jehovah.
 - S.S. 8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, / Nor do floods drown it. / If a man gave all the substance of his house for love, / It would be utterly despised.
 - 2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.
3. We must have a time with the Lord every morning to have a new beginning and be revived by Him—Lev. 6:12; Prov. 4:18; Lam. 3:22-24; Psa. 119:147-148.
 - Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
 - Prov 4:18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, / Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.
 - Lam 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;
 - Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.
 - Lam 3:24 Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him.
 - Psa 119:147 I anticipated the dawn and cried out; / I hoped in Your words.
 - Psa 119:148 My eyes anticipated the night watches, / That I might muse upon Your word.
4. We must call upon the Lord, stirring ourselves up to lay hold of Him—Rom. 10:12; 2 Tim. 2:22; Isa. 64:7a.
 - Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;
 - 2 Tim 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
 - Isa 64:7a And there is no one who calls upon Your name, / Who stirs himself up to lay hold of You; ...

5. We must pray-read God's Word, striking the Spirit of the Scripture with our spirit to catch the divine fire—Jer. 23:29; Eph. 6:17-18; 2 Tim. 3:16.
 - Jer 23:29 Is not My word thus-like fire, declares Jehovah, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?
 - Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
 - Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,
 - 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
6. We must be filled with the sevenfold intensified Spirit as the seven lamps of fire and the seven flaming eyes of Christ by opening ourselves to the Lord unreservedly in order to be enlightened by Him, burned by Him, and infused with Him—Rev. 4:5; 5:6; 1:14; Prov. 20:27; Mal. 3:2.
 - Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
 - Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
 - Rev 1:14 And His head and hair were as white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;
 - Prov 20:27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, / Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being.
 - Mal 3:2 And who will endure the day of His coming? And who will stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
7. We must always rejoice, pray unceasingly, and give thanks in everything—1 Thes. 5:16-18.
 - 1 Thes 5:16 Always rejoice,
 - 1 Thes 5:17 Unceasingly pray,
 - 1 Thes 5:18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
8. We must speak for the Lord to impart Him into others, enjoying Him as our burning power for purging and motivating in God's economical move—Acts 2:3-4; 6:4.
 - Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which were distributed; and it sat on each one of them;
 - Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, even as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.
 - Acts 6:4 But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.
9. We must coordinate with one another in and among the churches to enjoy God as our sanctifying fire for His one move—Ezek. 1:4, 13; Rev. 1:20; Zech. 2:5.
 - Ezek 1:4 And I looked, and there came a storm wind from the north, a great cloud and a fire flashing incessantly; and there was a brightness around it, and from the midst of it there was something like the sight of electrum, from the midst of the fire.
 - Ezek 1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; the fire went to and fro among the living creatures, and the fire was bright; and out of the fire went forth lightning.
 - Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.
 - Zech 2:5 For I will be her wall of fire round about, declares Jehovah, and I will be the glory within her.
10. The burning of the sevenfold intensified Spirit as the seven lamps of fire motivates us to rise up and take action for the carrying out of God's economy—Dan. 11:32b.
 - Dan 11:32b ... But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.