

FIRE FALL

Day 15: Consume Us with Your Fire

Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench...

1 Kings 18:38

When Elijah prayed, God answered with a fire that consumed every aspect of the sacrifice. It engulfed the bull, the wood, the altar, the dust, and finally the water...the highest commodity that day. Nothing was left on that spot except the fire.

As previously stated, after Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we are now called to live the life of a sacrifice. What should a living sacrifice, consumed with God's fire, look like? Could it be that every aspect of our lives should be aflame with His glory, in the same way that the bull, wood, altar, dust and water were consumed at Mount Carmel? Is it possible, as D.L. Moody used to state, that "The world has yet to see the effects of one man who is totally surrendered to Christ?"

After the Israel's first Pentecost in the wilderness at Horeb, Moses had to wear a veil when he came out of God's fiery presence. The people were too afraid to look at the afterglow that burned within Moses. At the same time, putting the veil on also meant that no one would know when, and if, the fire went out.

In both the tabernacle and temple, the altar was to burn with perpetual fire. If the fire went out, it was viewed as an outright act of disobedience on the part of the priests. More importantly, it was viewed as separation from God's presence since the flame had a divine origin...a fire fall at the dedication of both places of worship.

With this in mind, we look to the dedication of the Spiritual tabernacle of God's New Testament Church on the Day of Pentecost. There was wind. There were tongues. There was fire. That day 3,000 souls received Christ. The church, born in fire, began to grow daily, such as should be saved.

Now, nearly 2,000 years later, we ask ourselves, where is the fire that burned in those original 120 at Pentecost? Have we kept the flames burning? Is the altar of our lives still consumed with the glory of the Lord, or have we allowed that flame to be diminished to the point of seeming nonexistent?

Once again we need the flames of Pentecost to be rekindled in our hearts!

And so we pray:

Heavenly Father...Forgive us for allowing the coolness of the world to render inactive the fire of Your presence within the hearts of believers. Bring back the flame of Your glory again! Let fire be rekindled in our churches...let it be ablaze within Your Church!

Bring us back to Pentecost, where Moses glowed and Your Church was born!

Revive us so You may reach the world through us!

In Jesus Name we pray...AMEN