

FIRE SCRIPTURES

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

OUR GOD, IS THE GOD OF FIRE:

- **EXODUS 13:21** ~ "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 19:18** ~ "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 24:17** ~ "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."
- **REVELATION 1:14** ~ "His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and **His eyes** like a flame of fire."

HIS WORD IS LIKE FIRE:

- JEREMIAH 20:9 ~ "Then I said, 'I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name.' But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not."
- JEREMIAH 23:29 ~ "'Is not My word like a fire?' says the Lord, 'And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?'"

GOD ANSWERS BY FIRE:

- **1 KINGS 18:24** ~ "Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and **the God who answers by fire, He is God.**"
- **1 CHRONICLES 21:26** ~ "And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the Lord; **and He answered him from heaven by fire** on the altar of burnt offering."

THE FIRE OF HOLINESS:

- **EXODUS 3:2-5** ~ "And the **Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.** So he looked, and behold, **the bush was burning with fire,** but the bush was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

⁴ So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"

And he said, "Here I am."

⁵ Then He said, **"Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."**

- ISAIAH 6:3-5 ~ "And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said: **"Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in** the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

FIRE LEADING TO HOLINESS AND PURITY...

THROUGH DEEP PURGING:

ISAIAH 6:6-7 ~ "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

Purge meaning...

- 1. To cleanse/free someone of an unwelcome memory or feeling (e.g. guilt, shame, fear)
- 2. To completely remove everything that is impure (e.g. sin)
- 3. To aggressively remove a group of people (e.g. instant deliverance)

THROUGH INTENSE REFINING:

- MALACHI 3:1-3 ~ "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,' says the LORD of hosts. ²'But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness."
- PSALM 66:10 ~ "For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

THROUGH TESTING:

- **1 PETER 4:12** ~ "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning **the fiery trial which is to try you**, as though some strange thing happened to you."
- ZECHARIAH 13:9 ~ "I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; and each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "
- **1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15** ~ *"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*¹²*Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones,*

wood, hay, straw, ¹³each 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.** ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

HOLY SPIRIT FIRE TESTS OUR FAITH:

1 PETER 1:6-7 ~ "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

THROUGH THE FIRE OF AFFLICTION:

- **ISAIAH 48:10** ~ "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."
- PSALM 66:11-12 ~ "You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.
 ¹² You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment."

HOLY SPIRIT FIRE TRANSFORMS US:

REVELATION 3:15-18 ~ "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see."

WE ARE BAPTIZED AND EMPOWERED WITH FIRE:

- MATTHEW 3:11-12 ~ "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, 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 fire. ¹² His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
- ACTS 2:1-4 ~ "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
- HEBREWS 1:7 ~ "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire."
- ACTS 1:8 ~ "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me."

A FIERY JUDGEMENT AWAITS:

- **ISAIAH 66:15** ~ *"For behold, the Lord will come with fire* and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire."
- LEVITICUS 10:1-2 ~ "Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.² So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord."
- NUMBERS 16:35 ~ "And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense."

PROTECTION FROM DESTRUCTION; SALVATION:

There are many dynamics to the fire of God. Yes, the fire of God transforms and empowers us to serve, but we must understand within His *fire* is an intense holiness that cannot be obtained except through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Without the blood of Jesus covering our lives we would be instantly consumed in His fiery presence.

As we meditate on Scriptures relating to fire, we must also mediate and be thankful for the precious blood Jesus wilfully gave for our sin and redemption:

- JOHN 3:16-17 ~ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
- **1 PETER 1:18-19** ~ "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but **with the precious blood of Christ,** as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."
- **EPHESIANS 1:7** ~ "In Him we have redemption **through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."
- COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 ~ "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."
- 1 JOHN 1:7-9 ~ "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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