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This work is not meant to be exhaustive.

It's meant to be a spark.

May it help you burn well...

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

Proverbs 25:2

Preface

The Pentecostals call it down dramatically.

The Baptists warn you about it constantly.

The Methodists remember it faintly.

The Presbyterians systematize it cautiously.

The Lutherans preach it faithfully.

The Catholics guard it reverently.

The Orthodox veil it in mystery.

The Anglicans ritualize it beautifully.

The Charismatics chase it passionately.

The Evangelicals package it practically.

The Non-denominationals rebrand it constantly.

The Fundamentalists warn about strange
versions of it endlessly.

The Prosperity preachers monetize it shamefully.

The Mystics sit with it quietly.

The Quakers wait for it silently.

The Anabaptists carry it simply.

The Cessationists explain why it's gone adamantly.

The Revivalists keep stoking it back to life incessantly.

The Desert Fathers walked in it humbly.

Jesus baptizes with it regularly.

We all talk about the fire, but do any of us even know what we're talking about?

We ride our particular theological pony round and round on the carousel of the subject, but few of us have ever climbed aboard the chariot ourselves. Depending on your tradition, the fire is either metaphorical, emotional, mystical, dangerous, symbolical, or altogether forgotten.

When we talk about "The Fire of God" we have accidentally, or at least maliciously, reduced the fire to one of God's many party tricks. It becomes the hit sermon illustration, a conference theme, a theological debate, or worst of all, the uncomfortable excess everyone feels obligated to explain away. It's gotten so bad that those who have never experienced it call it emotionalism, while those who claim to burn with it call the "other side" religious, dead, or cold.

Here lies the problem.

It's not God's fire...

God is the fire.

Notes & Reflections

Chapter 1

We need to move forward under the premise that God is the fire instead of the fire merely belonging to God. What's the difference? If the fire is God's, it's something that pours out of Him like cards out of a magician's sleeve. But if God is the fire, then the whole Bible is about to get wild.

We're gonna set our cruising altitude to a comfortable 30,000ft. If you'd like to descend to take a closer look at any of the following, be my guest. There's always more.

Remember:

Take a look
It's in a book
Reading Rainbow
Reading Rainbow

My version for this particular book would be:

Take a look
It's in the book
Read the Scripture
Read the Scripture

Too many of us let Instagram clips, TikTok sermons, and algorithm-fed spirituality become our source. Why go sifting for revelation in a warped, self-seeking, narcissistic mirror when we can go straight to God and the scriptures?

I'd say most of the stuff I've preached over the years has been inadvertently twisted due to my own brokenness or inadequacies.

Ironically, this last year a buddy of mine said to me, "You've got great theories... but you don't have conclusions." I looked at him and asked, "You have conclusions?"

The truth is, none of us have conclusions. Especially when it comes to the mysteries of God.

What I'm asking you to do is to take a much deeper look at what we've always read and try to see it from God's perspective. The scriptures are beautiful and wonderful, but they are man's attempt to describe supernatural moments from a finite lens. I'm not saying that the authors of the scriptures are wrong... they're just the equivalent of a child describing how a plane flies or how a farmer grows food or where babies come from.

Things are not always as plain as we think they are.

Although sometimes...

they are.

Notes & Reflections

Chapter 2

From what appeared to be His waist up,
He looked like gleaming amber,
flickering like a fire.
And from His waist down,
He looked like a burning flame,
shining with splendor.
Ezekiel 1:27

Verse 26 says that the figure who sat on the throne
looked like a man. Had the appearance of a man.
Then verse 27 describes what that Man looks like.
Pull out your phone.
Look up what amber looks like.

The New Living Translation says that,

“He looked like gleaming amber,
flickering like a fire.”

Ok. Step back for a minute. God is on the throne.
Duh. But the “Man” on the throne, from His waist
up, looks like molten gold and fire. Flickering!

From his waist down? A burning flame. Shining!

Do you see it yet?

God is the fire.

Now, before somebody brings up Elijah hearing
from God in the whisper in 1 Kings 19, remember
that just a chapter earlier fire falls from heaven and
consumes the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dust,
and even the water in the trench. Then later, a chariot
of fire comes like an Uber to pick Elijah up.

But... we'll get there.

Let's stick here for a moment longer.

This is a massive revelation: God is the fire.

Not metaphorically.

Not poetically.

Not symbolically.

God **is** the fire.

And that's not all:

Jesus' eyes are a flame of fire.

Revelation 1:14

There are seven flames who are the

Holy Spirit before the throne.

Revelation 4:5

We have to get this before we swim any deeper into the theological ocean that we find ourselves in. The fire is not something He sends out. It's not something we call down.

If we want the fire, we have to want Him.

If we don't have Him, we can't have the fire.

They are inseparable.

In our limited minds we try to divide the natural from the supernatural but the supernatural seems to move through the natural constantly.

The problem is not access.

Human beings are trying to describe eternal realities using dirt-born language. But one thing becomes unmistakably clear throughout the scriptures:

If you want God, accept the fire.

And if you want the fire...

accept God.

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Chapter 3

Since somebody mentioned it, let's go there.

1 Kings 18: Elijah throws down with the prophets of Baal. They call out to their god. Nothing happens. Elijah mocks them (legend). He rebuilds the altar of the Lord. Prays. Fire comes and consumes all of it. The burnt offering, the wood, the stones, the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

What?

I had an experience like this before. Oh, no. I didn't have an epic grudge match with false gods on a mountainside but I did watch something just a beautiful happen.

Have you ever gone to a Brazilian steak house with someone who knows how to eat? Once upon a time a group of men went to visit such an establishment. One of our friends, let's call him Dustin, went with us. By the time the servers were done carving sizzling meats onto our plates, Dustin was taking rolls and sopping up the leftover juices. The look in the servers eyes was pure horror. Let's just say, Dustin got all of his money's worth from Fogo that day... and the staff fell on their faces and thanked God once we left.

That day... on Mount Carmel... God was eating like Dustin!

1 Kings 19: Elijah witnesses the greatest grudge match of the century as His God shows out like no one has ever seen before. Then he gets scared, cause Jezzy threatens him, and he runs off into the wilderness. You know the story. Eat. Sleep. Repeat. 40 days into the wilderness.

* Book on burnout in Christian leadership pending *

Anyway. Elijah makes it to Mount Horeb. God asks, “Why you here, bro?” Elijah’s like, “Bro!” God takes him outside. Wind. Earth. Fire. Whisper. “Why you here, bro?” “Bro...”

God is able to shine in His radiance any time He wants to.

God is also able to live in the whisper.

God is God.

He can do and be anything He wants to be.

Sidebar: everyone wants to “hear the booming voice of God” meanwhile... they do. It’s just hidden in the whisper inside of your soul. “But Caleb... how can that be? I’ve never heard Him.” The best part about a whisper... they all sound the same. You have to be close enough to hear it and all you have to do is breathe.

Moving to 2 Kings 2, Elijah gets taken up in a “whirlwind” by a “chariot of fire”. Hmmmm. Wild. God showed up as wind in 1 Kings 19... even though He wasn’t in the wind. The sheer power of His radiance causes wind to go crazy. Ever stood near a roaring fire?

Then a chariot of fire picked up Elijah. You know the thing about chariots? They usually have four horses.

You know the wild thing about God being the fire? If He reached down and scooped Elijah up into heaven, His fingers, to the casual observer, might look like horses pulling a chariot that was actually His hand. Wild.

Remember: God doesn’t send fire from heaven.

He is the fire.

And His hand was the chariot.

He was simply bringing His son home.

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Chapter 4

Let's go back.

Moses. (As said by Yul Brenner in the 1956 classic The 10 Commandments. Also starring Charlton Heston. If you haven't seen it... do yourself a favor.)

Gonna fly through here real quick. So here... we... go...

Burning Bush: Exodus 3. The bush didn't burn up because this was no ordinary fire. It was God. Was it common for the bushes in that arid place to spontaneously combust? Of course. But when this bush "burned" it wasn't consumed. It was God appearing to Moses in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush. Isn't it amazing that God knows how to get our attention?

But wait, I thought God was a consuming fire? The mystery continues.

Pillar Guides & Protects Israel: Exodus 13 & 14. The pillar of fire didn't destroy the people because this was no ordinary fire. Exodus 13 clearly says "The Lord was going before them in a pillar..." He was in the cloud by day and the fire by night. It was God physically leading them in the wilderness.

This might be conjecture at best, but check this out. In the desert, during the day the sun bakes and at night the drastic temperature changes will freeze you. Isn't it wild that God shows up as shade during the day and fire at night? He kept millions of people covered from the sun and then he helps keep them warm from the chill.

Mount Sinai: Exodus 19 & 24. Now God descends on the mountain with cloud and with fire. Cloud to protect the people from His brilliance. Fire to reveal His radiance.

Side bar: God, with all of heaven with Him, descends onto Sinai. How do I know? Chapter 24 talks about how Israel saw God and how under His feet was something like a sea or pavement of sapphire. Man... where else in the scripture does it talk about how there's a sea of glass under the feet of God? Moses tabernacle is not just some side show circus. It was the natural version of the supernatural. It was man's version of where God dwells.

Back to the main point. God descends when and where He likes. He wants to be close to His people. He wants His people to be close to Him. There were boundaries in the Old Testament because we were not yet ready to bear the fullness of His presence. Man gets freaked out by the sight and power of God in Exodus 20. God still wants them to come close. Man created distance between ourselves and God... then all of the sudden we need something to worship.

“Hey Aaron, make us a god we can worship...”

Meanwhile, they walked away from the One and Only who set them free from Egypt.

God has always wanted to be close.

Now He can take up residence within our flesh due to the flesh that was broken for us.

The cloud and the fire are no longer on the mountain...

They're within our souls.

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Chapter 5

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Throughout their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. For throughout their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

Exodus 40:34-38

Covered and filled. On and in. For those who have ears to hear and eyes to see... you're gonna love Chapter 7.

Moses tabernacle was stunning, but as in all things made by man it has its limitations. Here's the wild thing, if you go in and study what Moses erected, you'll see that there's this really big thing about sacrifices. But Moses only made what God showed Him in heaven. So, that must mean there was a bloody Lamb next to the throne.

By our calendar Jesus came just over 2,000 years ago.

From heaven's point of view He was already slain from the foundations of the earth. Heaven already held the answer for sin before humanity even fell. 1 Corinthians 3 (NASB) says that "For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." But more on that later.

Moses tabernacle has its limitations because it requires sacrifice... which requires we look at and know our sin... which means we have to stay busy covering and atoning for those sins.

But now we have a new High Priest...

A Lamb slain from the foundation of the world...

We no longer have to offer sacrifice and we no longer have to be reminded of our sin.

Christ paid it all.

When Jesus came and "dwelt" among us (John 1) the proper word for that is He "tabernacled" with us. The same goes for 2 Peter 1... this "earthly dwelling" that we find ourselves in will be laid aside as we exit this "tabernacle" and find rest in His dwelling place... His tabernacle.

Moses' tabernacle was man made. God's "new" tabernacle on the earth is no longer made with tent pegs and tent flaps. It's not made of brick and mortar... or in most cases now prefabricated steel and concrete.

His tabernacle on the earth was formed and fashioned in the beginning. Indwelt because of the resurrection of Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit. He is seated where His heavenly tabernacle dwells, yet the Father, Son and Holy Spirit now take up residence within the earthly tabernacle made by His hands. Where there was once tent material, there is now skin. Where there was once tent pegs, there is now bone.

Covered by His presence.

Filled with His fire.

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Chapter 6

I feel like if Daniel 3 was written by Rob Reiner there would be a scene where an old woman would come out and boo the King of Babylon and his people. (Creative license taken) “Statues. Music. Bow and worship. And that’s what you are, the King of Refuse. So bow down to him if you want, bow to him. Bow to the King of Slime, the King of Filth, the King of Putrescence. Boo. Boo. Rubbish. Filth. Slime. Muck. Boo. Boo. Boo. Boo.”

This is basically what Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego do. Minus the fact that they don’t chastise the king publicly... and they’re not a decrepit old woman. Other than that... I stand by this portrayal of the story.

Statue. Trumpets. Bow and worship.

Our friends Shad, Mesh and Ab refuse.

Nebuchadnezzar rages out... almost like the fire he’s about to set. He even says “But if you do not worship, you will immediately be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can rescue you from my hands?”

Can you guess?

The king orders for the fire to be made 7x hotter than usual and the men ordered to throw them in the fire, with their clothes on, end up dying from the extreme heat. But the three men, who refused to bow to the graven image, fall into the fire still tied up and then end up walking around in it. Nebuchadnezzar is astonished to see that there's a fourth Man in the fire. Go see what he says about Him.

“And what god is there who can rescue you from my hands?”

Man... that didn't age well.

The reason they could stand in a fire made by man is because they stood with a Man whose fire is greater and stronger and able to burn without ruining.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego knew that God would save them and could save them. But even if He didn't... they still wouldn't bow.

Let it be known... God honors faith like that.

There's not a single man made thing that can separate us from the love of God.

My favorite part of this story is that when they come out of the fire... their hair and clothes weren't singed and they didn't even smell of smoke.

When was the last time you sat by a bonfire... and didn't walk home with it?

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Chapter 7

I've read the book of John dozens and dozens of times. I've read John 1. I know what John 1 says. Then while I was reading John 1 (NLT) a few weeks ago, I read this part for the first time! For the first time!

Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon Him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, He told me, 'The One on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that He is the Chosen One of God."

John 1:32-34

I know I've read it before. I just didn't see it.

So, God told John to baptize with water... so that when he saw the Spirit descend...

he would know the Chosen One!

It's worth mentioning... the Holy Spirit did not descend *as* a dove. He descended *like* a dove.

What's the difference?

Gently. Slowly. Calmly.

A hawk divebombs and destroys.

The dove depicts the Spirit better because holy fire rests before it spreads.

God...

told John...

to baptize with water...

so that when the day came...

and he saw the Spirit descend on the One...

Do you see why I'm freaking out here? John the Baptist, who we all love and who the pharisee's loved, was told by God... I'm guessing audibly... to wait for the Spirit to fall. Wild.

There's so many places to camp out when it comes to Jesus speaking about Holy Spirit. We're going to tabernacle in John 20:22 (NLT) - "Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

If you look throughout some of the stories we've already looked at, and others in the Old and New Testament, you'll see that the Spirit is a fire. More on that later. What Jesus does here is breath for the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit.

Here's the wind that is God...
emanating from the fire within Christ...
breathing on the coals of man's heart to stoke the
flames of life.

All in preparation for the Spirit to arrive and dwell.
We're not going to go there now... but the wind is
first, then the fire... later comes the shaking. Just
saying.

So, Christ breathes on His disciples.

Then, just before He ascends,
He tells them to tarry.

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Chapter 8

Jesus breathes on the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. Then He ascends. Then they tarry (or otherwise translated “did not leave”) in Jerusalem. But if Jesus already breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit... why are they hanging around for the Holy Spirit?

Luke 24:49. Acts 1:8. Acts 2:3. Acts 8:16. Acts 10:44. Acts 11:15. Acts 19:6.

Plus all of the OT references where the Spirit rested on men or was foretold to rest on Christ, along with the places where the Spirit rested on Christ.

Pentecost is what Jesus intended for the disciples, in the Acts church and for the current day church, to receive power so that we can continue on in His ministry. While Jesus walked the earth He was able to operate in power and empower His disciples to do so. Now, we are disciples of Christ with His Spirit within us and upon us to do good works.

Without the reality of Acts 2, we can spend our lives admiring the Gospel without stepping fully into it. Meaning, we haven't stepped from the stories of the Gospel into living the Gospel.

Why do we need to be baptized in the Spirit?

1. Jesus was.
2. He said we should be.
3. Hebrews 2:4 - “And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.”
 - a. Apparently, God is not embarrassed by signs, wonders, gifts, and miracles. He’s the One who gave them.
 - b. Weird...

Baptism in the Spirit isn’t for special Christians who’ve been walking this out longer than you. It’s just another form of the fire in your life. The fire within is from God the Father, stoked by Jesus the Son and intensified by the Spirit upon you. If the fire is within me I surely want the fire to be upon me.

As stated before. The Holy Spirit is represented in the heavenly portrayals in the OT and NT by the 7 Flames of the Spirit. Let’s recap: God is the image of a Man on the throne and He is a fire. Jesus in the book of Revelation (which we haven’t gotten to yet) has eyes that are a flame of fire. Now, the Holy Spirit is 7 flames of fire. I want the Spirit. Without Him, how do I truly know God and Jesus?

There's an old joke in charismatic circles: You don't wanna be baptized in the Holy Spirit to do the works of God? I need the baptism of the Spirit/fire just to go to Walmart.

Not that there's anything wrong with Walmart...

People are worried that if we walk in the gifts that we'll abuse the gifts. Well... people walk in the scriptures and often abuse those.

The truth is, being baptized in the Spirit allows the scriptures to come alive... like never before. Remember how I read John 1 dozens and dozens of times.

Well I was forever changed when it finally read me.

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Chapter 9

Alright. I've done all of the heavy lifting up till now. Here's the verses. Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear... let them realize what the Spirit is saying.

Revelation 1:12-16 (NLT)

When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.

Revelation 4:2-6a (NLT)

And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal.

Remember to google what things look like so you can get a better understanding of what they mean. Dang it. I helped you again. Ok. Done.

Revelation 5:6

Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth.

Revelation 19:11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

Could have stopped at 12
but the rest is so stinking cool.

You can't step into heaven
without running into the fire.

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Chapter 10

I'm stepping in here on purpose. You might call it conjecture. Some might call it a theory. Others a conclusion. I just have to go where the scripture takes me. Obviously there's not enough room to do an entire expose on everything we're touched on so far, but let's take another step.

For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, each one's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. If anyone's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet only so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

I'm going to ask a series of questions here.

No one... Does no one mean no one? Or does it mean no one?

If anyone... I feel like sometimes we stop short here and make this a big deal. But what if Paul is saying when anyone builds? (Might wanna go look up what that word "if" means)

Each one's work will be tested. This question is for you: What kind of work will you bring with you to heaven? Are you building with earthly resources? Wood, hay or straw? Or are you building with heavenly resources? Gold, silver and precious stones?

What remains will be a reward.

What burns will be loss.

BUT. But. But he himself will be saved... AS
THROUGH FIRE.

Let's step back for a minute.

Based on everything we've looked at and found so far... God is the fire. Jesus is the fire. Even the last chapter showed how He's pretty much an entire fire with all different types of colors. The Spirit is a fire. If God, Jesus and Holy Spirit are not the fire, then the fire is something they use to test the implements on the foundation.

But... if Jesus is the foundation... and He is the fire... then the “judgement” is less of a Holy Ghost Weinie Roast and more of a relational thing. The Father walks along the Cornerstone, across the foundation of Jesus, to take hold of you as you enter into His tabernacle. He brings you close because, as we found out earlier, the fire has always wanted to be close. He’s always wanted to be close to His children.

What can remain will remain.

What won’t remain, won’t.

If your work burns up...

your earthly accolades will suffer...

but you will be saved...

as by fire.

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Chapter 11

Fire has the most stunning effect when it comes into contact with just about anything.

Wax melts. Candles eventually fade. Though the moments we sat in their light shifted our gaze.

Paper burns. It turns to ash. The written will not make it through the fire. That's why so much of what *is* will fade once we enter into His tabernacle. I say this with so much love for the scripture... but I don't worship the scripture.

I worship the Fire that breathed it.

Dirt dries. It loses its moisture. It breaks apart and becomes weary.

Precious stones glisten. They reflect the fire. They can hold the light without it changing anything inside.

Wood is devoured. It becomes fuel for the fire. It scorches. Bites. Rips apart.

Clay transforms. Clay... Our bodies are made from clay. But what is clay? And what happens when it's placed near the flame?

We live, not from a one time breath from God at our birth, but from a continuous fire that burns inside of us at all times. It's amazing what happens to the human body after death. Check it out.

These bodies will not last forever, but our souls will. When the flame leaves the moisture and the dust will separate.

Our souls are the part of us made in His image. Our souls are a fire. It's what fills these clay shells and gives us life. This mortal wrapping will eventually die but the soul will live on.

Take a short trip back to 1 Corinthians 3.

How will we be saved? We will be saved by fire.

Fire.

Fire joins fire.

Fire cannot destroy fire.

God places fire into His sons and daughters at the point of their creation. In the forming of our mothers womb. Oh to be held by that fire!

We won't enter heaven as clay. We'll enter it as fire.

We are made in the image of God.

The Man on the throne is a fire. Jesus comes as a man and remains so in heaven, but He's a white hot fire. The Spirit, who dwells inside of us and rests upon us, is a fire.

How are we any different?

They said to one another, “Were our hearts not burning within us when He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32

This is why I remind you to fan into
flames the spiritual gift God gave you when
I laid my hands on you.

2 Timothy 1:6

When He speaks the fire responds!

Have you ever wondered why we're entranced by a
fire? Why it draws us in? Why it mesmerizes us?
Because we're made in the image of God.

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot
be shaken, let's show gratitude, by which we may offer
to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;
for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:29

We are a fire.

And He is consuming us.

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Step into the Flame

If your fire has grown cold... step into God the Fire.

Don't worry about what burns away.

Notice what comes back to life.

Live Near the Flame

There's never a need to step away from His flame.

Just like Israel in the wilderness...

He wants to be near.

And He is near.

Tending the Fire

Spiritual parents.

Spiritual siblings.

Spiritual children.

When people gather around a bonfire, everyone
quietly takes responsibility for the flame.

Community reveals where we've grown cold... and
where we've burned carelessly.

Fuel for the Fire

Kindling: Scripture

Twigs: Prayer

Branches: Worship

Logs: Prophetic Words

Fire & Wind: Him

Carrying the Fire

My life is the torch.

His love is my flame.

I get to light the way to Him.

Burn well.



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