

### ***RESTORING THE FIRE ON THE ALTAR***

Leviticus 6:9, 12-13 NKJV

[9] “Command Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.

[12] And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. [13] A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

According to Professor Leslie K. Tarr, this is the verse that Count von Zinzendorf received from the Holy Spirit in 1727, which inspired the Moravian's incredible 100-year prayer vigil launched that year. Count realized that this reference referred to the altar of sacrifice, but he also understood that this Old Testament priestly function involving fire and sacrifices carried a much greater and abiding significance on this side of the cross. He knew that the fire of the altar signified the prayer of the saints, and he viewed this word as a literal command to restore unceasing prayer before the Lord. Church history, and, therefore, world history, would never be the same again.

According to the instructions that Aaron, the high priest, received through Moses in Leviticus chapter 16, before the high priest could pass through the inner veil into the Most Holy Place (or Holy of Holies), he was supposed to minister at two stations in the outer court and three within the Holy Place. First, he would offer up the sacrifice of blood at the brazen altar. This was followed by the ceremonial washing of water at the laver. After entering the Holy Place through the outer veil, the priest would approach the lamp stand (which held seven golden candlesticks), the table of shewbread, and the golden altar of incense, which rested immediately in front of the inner veil.

Beyond the veil in the Most Holy Place was the ark of the covenant, with the mercy seat flanked by its covering cherubs. This was the place of communion - the place where God's presence was manifested and His glory was made known.

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### **Life Application**

- Keep your spiritual fire alive through daily devotion, prayer, worship, and renewing your connection with God—like adding wood to the altar each morning.
- Live a life of unceasing prayer and priestly purpose, letting your consistent faith inspire others and carry God's presence wherever you go.