

RESTORING THE FIRE ON THE ALTAR (Part 5)

According to the Scriptures, when we dare to draw near to Him, He will draw near to us (James 4:8). That means that when you move yourself close to the consuming fire of God, then He will move the fire of His presence closer to you. That means that you and I are going to feel the heat of God and get fired up too!

Is Your Heart on Fire?

Consider the qualities of fire. In the natural realm, fire purifies, fuels, illuminates, and warms. In the spirit realm, fire is seen as the power of God to judge, sanctify, empower, inspire, enlighten, reveal, and warm the heart. It is time to draw near to the altar of God and stoke the fires of God in our hearts. There is another type of divine response to our uplifted fire and incense in addition to His dispatch of hoky lightning to the earth:

II Chronicles 7:1-2 NKJV

[1] When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. [2] And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. The restoration of the fire on the altar is not an end in itself. It is but the first step in a progression toward our loving God. In the next step, God wants to turn our eyes and hearts outward, from ourselves to others, with compassion like that of our great High Priest and Chief Intercessor.

Life Application

Spend time with God regularly—just show up, talk to Him, soak in His presence, and let your heart get lit up like a campfire.

Let that fire inspire action—use that inner spark to care for others, pray for people, and love like Jesus does.