

## The fire shall never go out

Have you ever wondered why you seem cold, not on fire for the Lord like you used to be or like you ought to be? You have a responsibility to keep that fire burning, not God. Of course, the Holy Spirit will help you but won't do it for you. He is our helper, not our doer.

- A. Leviticus 6:12-13 “And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.”
- a) The fire spoken of here is symbolic to the Fire of the Holy Spirit that was poured out upon the believers since the Day of Pentecost.
  - b) The Lord supernaturally started the fire at the very first (Lev 9:24). It is God that lights the fire on the inside of us. It was never supposed to go out but rather was to be a perpetually burning fire 🔥.
  - c) Priests added wood to keep it going, but this fire was of God not of the priests nor man. Priests are a picture of believers (1 Peter 2:9). We are tasked with keeping the fire on the inside of each of us burning.
  - d) Wood is the fuel; Seeking the Lord, keeping our minds stayed upon Him, meditation, and following His Word is the fuel that will keep the fire on the inside of us burning continually.
  - e) The altar is a picture of our hearts.

B. Leviticus 10:1-2 “And Nadab and Abihu, **the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer**, and put **fire** therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he **commanded them not**. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.”

a) Nadab and Abihu started their own fire instead of using the Lord's. God's fire was a holy fire, but these men's fire was a strange fire (Leviticus 10:1-2). They started a fire that God did not start. This is symbolic of religion. It is an effort for a man to try to reach God rather than God coming down to man. Leviticus 9:24 says “*And there came a fire out from before the LORD.*”


i) Leviticus 9:24 (In the tabernacle of the congregation).

- This was the first sacrifice upon this altar, and God started the fire upon this altar.

ii) 2 Chronicles 7:1 “*Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.*” (Temple Dedication).

- This was the first sacrifice upon this altar in Temple of Solomon, and God lit the fire therein as well.

iii) Acts 2

 On the Day of Pentecost, God lit on the disciples' new testament temple the fire of the Holy Spirit and ever since whosoever receives the Holy Spirit gets that fire of God kindle and lit on the inside of them, and it is their responsibility going forward to keep that fire going none stop.

Under the New Covenant, we are the true Temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19).

C. Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

i) The words “**be filled**” denote a continuous action rather than a one-time act.

- ii) One of the ways we stay filled or keep the fire burning is by being continuously filled with the Holy Spirit.

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