

OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE

We cannot see it. Its ways are shrouded in mystery.

But when this fire falls...

on a person,

on a nation,

or on the earth itself....

...it consumes evil with a vengeance.



When its work is done, this fire leaves behind a chastened life, a cleansed heart, sometimes only a pile of ashes.

Sooner or later every human heart will feel the fire....

...either at the cross, where it is cleansed,

...or at the final Judgment, where it will be consumed.

The Cross

“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am constrained until it is accomplished!”

Luke 12

Jesus of Nazareth bore the evil of the whole human race as he offered himself up at the cross. When the fire fell on him, the evil was consumed.



“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

“Wait a minute!” you say, “If the fire of God consumed our sin at the Cross, how come we’re still stumbling?”

The fire of the Cross begins to refine us only when we open our hearts to its heat.

Sooner or later God draws us each to the Cross and offers us the fire of divine cleansing.

“And I when I am lifted up from the earth (on the cross) will draw all people to myself.”

John 12

Will I open my heart and allow the fire of God to start burning up the evil in me? ...to the point where I consistently practice God’s forgiveness in my dealings with others?

Or will I turn away from the fire of Calvary, and wait for the Day when it will fall on the earth as Final Judgment?

His voice then shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken, as of what has been made, in order that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe;

.... for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12



Prayer: Lord, Lord... Oh how the evil that shadows this earth and our own hearts needs to be burnt up. We open our hearts...burn up this cursed evil within us. Keep us from turning away from its heat, draw us to you, do your work so we may be cleansed and walk in your ways. Amen.

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