

SEPTEMBER 8

“IF YOU’RE ASKING TO GO HIGHER, YOU’RE ASKING FOR HEAT.”

READ

Hebrews 12:29

God never comes into your life to take you deeper without first sending fire. Fire always comes before His presence. Our God is a consuming fire. We prefer to say “God is love,” and He is. But to say that God is fire is a different story altogether. Yes, a fire gives warmth on cold nights, but it is destructive, because to get that warmth something has to be burned up. God is a fire that burns up everything that is not like Himself. Our God is a fire that comes to get rid of things that keep you off your knees and out of the Book. Anything that gets between you and God is an enemy of this consuming fire. God is wanting you to crave Him the way you’ve craved other things in life. Those other things insult Him and break His heart. His Son died on the cross so that you wouldn’t need those other things. On the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, there appeared cloven tongues of fire. Before the church can go out, it must be consumed by fire, and fire must consume everything that is not like Him. If you’re asking to go higher, you’re asking for heat. He can’t take you higher if you’re shackled with things. God will not do anything more until those other things are consumed.

PRAY

God, I place myself on Your altar asking that the fire of the Holy Spirit would consume anything in me that is not like You. I want to be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You.

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