

## Kindling the Fire

**Hebrews 12:29** For our God is a consuming fire.

Our text today is one small short verse, but has a whole lot to say! *“For our God is a consuming fire.”*

- Pillar of Fire by night in the OT
- Burning Bush talking with Moses
- Refines Fire in Malachi

**There are a few other things that are likened unto fire...**

### I. The Fire of Our Witness for God

**Jeremiah 20:9** Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

**Psalms 39:1-3** I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred. 3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue,

### II. The Fire of our Words

**James 3:5** Even so the tongue is a **little** member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a **little fire** kindleth!

**Ills: Talking your way out**

## III. The Fire of the Wrath of God

I would like to dwell here for the rest of the sermon and take a closer look today at the FIRE OF GOD

### A. LETS EXAMINE THE FIRE OF GOD

**Hebrews 12:29** For our God is a consuming fire.

The Wrath of God is likened unto a fire: ILLS Lake of Fire!

**Revelation 20:14-15** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**2Thessaloiains 1:8-9** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

**GODS ANGER IS KINDLED WHEN:**

### B. LOOK AT HOW WE ENRAGE (Kindle) THE FIRE OF GODS WRATH:

#### 1. Forget God

**Psalms 106:18,20-21** And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. ...20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth

grass. 21 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

This is not just a I forgot to go to church Sunday...

**This is a refusing to retain God in your knowledge:**

**Romans 1:28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

**Psalms 106:39-44** Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. 41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. 42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand. 43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

## 2. Ignored His working

God begins to tug at their heart strings, gently prompting them to turn to Him, and simply ignoring Him.

**Jeremiah 17:1-5** The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond: *it is* graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; 2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills. 3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance *and* all thy treasures to the spoil, *and* thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou, even thyself, **shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave**

**thee;** and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for ever. 5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and **whose heart departeth from the LORD.**

God is clearly reaching out to these people yet they ignore His love and longsuffering, HENCE the FIRE OF GOD IS KINDLED!

## 3. Reject His Son

**HIS FIRE IS KINDLED WHEN WE REJECT HIM**

**2 Thessaloians 1:8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Psalms 2:12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, **when his wrath is kindled but a little.** Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

**Zec 10:1-3** Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; *so* the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. 2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because **there was no shepherd.** 3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

#### 4. at Ease in their Sin

**Zec 1:15** And I am very sore displeas'd with the heathen *that are at ease*: for I was but a little displeas'd, and they helped forward the affliction.

This is the group of people who can hear what the preacher says but never feel conviction. Can know what their Bible says, but never be moved.... AT EAASE WITH THEIR SIN!

**Isa 30:1** Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

#### C. HOW TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE:

**Proverbs 26:20** Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

**John 3:36** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

**God takes away all our unrighteousness and cleanses us from ALL SIN!**

#### CONCLUSION

**Ezekiel 24:10-14** Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned. **11** Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of

it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed. **12** She hath wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire. **13** In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee. **14** I the LORD have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.