Consuming Fire - Exodus 24:15-18

***When Moses went up the mountain, the cloud covered it. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day he called to Moses from the cloud. The appearance of the Lord’s glory to the Israelites was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop. Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain, and he remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.***

The Lord settled on Mount Sinai, His Glory was a cloud that covered the mountain. When the seventh day passed God’s glory was like a consuming fire. In Hebrews 12:29 it says our God is a consuming fire. Jesus was said by John the Baptist to baptize with spirit and fire. Throughout the bible fire has been synonymous with the Spirit of God it has been used in conjunction with the Holy Spirit but why is that?

When we think of fire we think of destruction, at this church fire ravaged our building it was devastating. Tears were wept, hearts were broken, but our God remained true through it all. Fire does bring destruction but it also brings forth life. Think of a forest fire, without the burning in the forest new life would never be possible. Fire purifies and restores natural nutrients into the soil to allow for new growth. The same can be said about us. Without fire we could never be purified.

When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives the purification process begins, and as it states in Philippians 1:6 “I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Our purification is something that needs to happen and that can only happen with a Holy, Consuming fire. That fire can only come from God. When we are tested or as in our english term “getting put through the fire”, it allows us to grow into more of what the Lord wants us to be.

Our God is a Holy God, and demands purity of those He loves. That purity can only come through fire, all the gold in the world will not be able to save you as it will be burnt up. All the good works you do will not sustain you as it will to be tried and tested in the Holy Fire of God. The only thing that matters is if you have accepted Christ as your Savior. That is the only way to make it through the fire, as Christ has to carry you through it.

This week remember who we serve. We serve a Holy God, a righteous God, and a loving God who through it all saved sinners like you and I so we do not have to spend eternity without Him.

Classes may take their place.