

**The Basis of All Our Priestly Service—  
The Fire from the Altar of Burnt Offering**

**Message 2 - Week 3**

**Tuesday**

Acts 2:3 – Footnotes 3<sup>1</sup>, 3<sup>2</sup>

Rom. 12:11

II. C. Fire is a source of energy; in order for our service to be full of energy, our service must pass through the fire from the altar—Lev. 6:13:

1. This fire should be the energy, the driving force, the impulse, within us; if we have this fire, our service will be out of God, not out of ourselves—Luke 12:49.
2. The energy and the motivating power for the New Testament service began with fire from heaven; the fire that descended upon the Galilean fishermen became the energy and the motivating power within them—Acts 2:3.
3. This fire burns on those who love God, who offer themselves to God, who are willing to forsake everything for God, and who are willing to place themselves in His hands in order to be broken—Lev. 9:24.

On the day of Pentecost, there were tongues of fires upon the disciples. The tongues have a deep significance. Why tongues? This has to do with our speaking and the preaching of the gospel. Why was there fire? Only the fire of God can convince a sinner and take him from his current position into the position of the kingdom of God. Only the fire of the Holy Spirit that can do this!

D. The fire from the altar is the genuine motivating power of service—6:13:

1. What God does concerning our service is to send His fire to burn within us—Luke 12:49; Rom. 12:11.
2. If we offer ourselves to God sincerely, fire will descend from heaven and burn us; this burning will become the energy that moves us, and the issue of this burning will be our service.

Why must the fire be from the altar? The altar of burnt offering is the cross of the Lord Jesus and the fire is the Spirit. Genuine fruit is produced by the genuine fire.