

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

Message 2 - Week 2

Monday

Heb. 12:29 – Footnote 29¹

Deut. 4:24; 9:3

Dan. 7:9-10

I. God is a consuming fire—Heb. 12:29; Deut. 4:24; 9:3

A. As the burning One, God is holy; holiness is His nature, and whatever does not correspond with His holy nature, He, as the consuming fire, will consume—Heb. 12:29.

This is the first positive point I would like to present to you. We should not be afraid of the fire. The only thing God will consume is that which does not correspond to His holy nature. We should not have the concept that God wants to throw us into the lake of fire; the fire from the lake of fire is not for us. Therefore, we need to be open to the fire of God. Once again, the fire consumes that which does not correspond to God's holy nature. As priests, we would like to satisfy our Lover; this is why we need to come to Him in an open way, applying this matter.

There is a hymn which I appreciate, hymn 426, which says, "Remove my covering, Lord, that I may see Thy light." Later on it says, "As for thy life within, In darkness I mistake—If spirit or the flesh, One for the other take." What do I need? I need the light and fire from the Lord to come and deal with anything that is not of Him. Hebrews 12:29 says, "God is a consuming fire."

B. In Daniel 7:9-10 God's throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire, and a stream of fire issued forth and came out from before Him; the fire here indicates that God is absolutely righteousness and altogether holy.

Hebrews tells us that we can come forward to the throne of grace and we will receive mercy and grace for timely help. This includes the fiery situations we may encounter. We must have this kind of appreciation toward God.