

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

**Message 2 - Week 2**

**Thursday**

Rev. 5:6; 1:14 – Footnotes 14<sup>3</sup>, 14<sup>4</sup>

- I. C. 2. This fire is the impulse (the impelling force) of the spiritual life, an impulse that comes from the Lord's released divine life.

When we turn to our spirit, we not only touch the life-giving Spirit, the life-giving Spirit is seven fold intensified. The Spirit has already been intensified. In Revelation, we see seven lamps of fire before God and the eyes of the Lamb which are like flames of fire. On the one hand, the flames of fire are to consume anything that is not according to the holy nature of God. But on the other hand, God is infusing into us the flame of fire to do away with any degradation that is within us. This fire is also the love of God toward us. How can you say that the Lord is love and fire? Because the Bible tells us. It says that God is a consuming fire, but also a God of love. Therefore, the fire, the love of God is within our spirit.

3. We all have been burned by this fire; we have been brought together by this fire; and now we are burdened that this fire would burn many others.

It is the fire of the Spirit that brought us together this weekend. To travel all the way from Toronto, you need fire. To fly 5 hours from Los Angeles, one needs fire. In the church life, we need fire. Our consecration needs fire. There can be no consecration if fire is not there. This is why fire is something continual and not a one-time experience.

When the concealed glory of Christ divinity was released, a divine fire was cast on the earth to burn the whole earth. Let the fire burn on! No one can stop it.

If we cooperate with the Lord, nothing can stop this fire. What is this fire? It is the fire of the gospel. We need to renew our consecration. We are not here just for good meetings. Many times we are happy with a good Lord's table and good prophesying. We have the children's meetings, the young people's meetings, but what about the gospel? What about the fire of the gospel? Watchman Nee once said that the torch of this fire has been passed from generation to generation and needs to continue to be passed from generation to generation until the Lord comes. We cannot be satisfied with church life if we are not preaching the gospel. We should not be satisfied with just the preaching of the gospel, but also take care of the new ones. When we preach the gospel, our view should be toward the New Jerusalem. When we are preaching the gospel, we should have in view preaching to gain this person to be a functioning member in the church, so that they that may prophesy, pray for others, and also preach the gospel. We need to consecrate for this. We need to have our hands full for this.

- D. The seven Spirits of God are the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne; these lamps of fire are for the carrying out of God's administration—Rev. 4:5.