

Keeping the Lord's Fire Burning

Lev. 6:8-13

Introduction:

- A. Christians need to study the Old Testament.
 - 1. Not to keep its commands. (cf. Col. 2:14-17)
 - 2. But to:
 - a. Help us understand much of N.T. (cf. Hebrews & other references to O.T.)
 - b. Learn from its examples, types and shadows (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4; Heb. 4:11).
- B. Christians' worship and service to God foreshadowed by O.T. priests' altar service.
 - 1. We are priests. (1 Pet. 2:5,9).
 - 2. We offer spiritual sacrifices of worship and service. (Heb. 13:14-16; Phil. 4:18).
 - 3. Christians need to keep the fire burning in their hearts to worship and serve the Lord.
- C. These instructions to the Old Testament priesthood can serve as type for us today.

Discussion:

I. Do Not Put the Fire Out. (Chapter 6:12).

- A. With the cares of this world.... (Matt. 13:22).
 - 1. Too involved with business affairs.
 - 2. Too involved with family affairs.
 - 3. Too involved with community affairs.
 - 4. Too involved with social affairs.
- B. With the sins of this world. (1 John 2:15-17)
 - 1. Sinful attitudes.
 - a. Defeatist attitude.
 - b. Hypercritical attitude.
 - c. Antagonistic attitude.
 - 2. Sinful actions.

II. Do Not Let the Fire Go Out. (Chapter 6:13)

- A. By not keeping it refueled.
 - 1. By renewing our minds. (2 Cor. 4:16; Rom. 12:2)
 - 2. By studying and meditating on God's word. (1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Tim. 2:15; cf. Psalms 1:1)
 - 3. By benefitting from mutual exhortation. (Heb. 10:24,25; 3:12,13).
- B. By not keeping it stirred up.
 - 1. By stirring up memory. (2 Pet. 1:12-15).
 - 2. By stirring to action. (cf. James 1:25; Heb. 5:14)

III. Do Not Swap it Out. (Chapter 10:1)

- A. The Lord's fire for unauthorized fire.
 - 1. Unauthorized worship. (John 4:24; Matt. 15:9)
 - 2. Unauthorized work. (Col. 3:17)
- B. The Lord's fire of decent, orderly, thoughtful worship for other fires more appealing to us. (cf. 1 Cor. 14:15,16,23,32-33)
 - 1. The fire of pentecostalism.
 - 2. The fire of emotionalism.
 - 3. The fire of sensationalism.
 - 4. The fire of spontaneity

Conclusion:

- A. Let us keep the fire burning.
- B. Let us keep the Lord's fire burning.