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Hebrews 12:29 for our “God is a consuming fire.”

As we read through out the scriptures, we find that the fire from God refers to the POWER and conformation of God.

When God gave all the instructions to Moses concerning the law and the temple in the wilderness. He confirmed it by sending fire down to start the old covenant.

Leviticus 9.24 Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell face down

In The giving of the law, the priests were responsible for keeping the fire burning, that God confirmed by starting it.

Leviticus 6:12-13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

In Numbers we read where the priests forgot to keep the fire burning and it went out. The attitude of Nadab and Abihu was not any different than a lot of modern day Christians, you know, whats the big deal, we'll just relight it. Well they did, and God called it STRANGE FIRE and killed them.

Numbers 26:61 And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offerred strange fire before the LORD.

Elijah called fire down from heaven and 102 men were consumed by Gods fire, the dual between Elijah and the false prophets of Baal on Mt Carmel, where God confirmed he is THE GOD. **2Ki 1:10-14, & 1Ki 18:21-40**

What happened to the false prophets? It's a BIG DEAL.

God confirmed his calling on Davids life

1Ch 21:26 David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.

Now this was all under the old covenant or law.

IN THE NEW COVENANT or the age of GRACE John the Baptist said

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Just before his resurrection, JESUS said;

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

There were 120 of them in the upper room, when God sent the FIRE to confirm the baptism of the Holy Ghost under the new covenant just like he confirmed the old covenant in **Leviticus 9.24**

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Acts 2:2-4 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

You see, as God started the fire on the alter of sacrifice in the old testament, So did HE start the new testament with tongues of fire to come from the mouths of ALL those that believe. Don't be as Nadab and Abihu and say, whats the big deal, I don't have to speak in tongues. The wrath of God was put upon Jesus, so we don't have to worry of God killing us. BUT, to make light of his word or say, that isn't what God means, especially when he says in **1 Corinthians 2:14-16** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

And also **1John 2:27** But the anointing which ye have received (Holy Ghost) of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

To believe part of Gods word and not all of it, is like a Muslim saying they are a Christian. (impossible)

Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

We have a free will, but make sure your choices don't have consequences like in Matthew 25:1-12, and miss the rapture

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