

The Fire Bringer

Sunday Morning, November 15, 2015

Introduction:

Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

- † John 18:37 - To Bring Truth
- † John 10:10 - To Provide Us With An Abundant Life
- † Luke 19:10 - To Save Lost
- † Matt 20:23 - To Be Ransom for Many
- † Luke 12: 49 & 50 - To Bring Fire

Stories, Myths and Legends have many characters that are known for bringing fire to mankind.

Prometheus is a Titan in Greek mythology, best known as the deity in Greek mythology who was the creator of mankind and its greatest benefactor, who gifted mankind with fire stolen from Mount Olympus.

In a Paiute Indian Legend, when men and beasts could talk together and understand each other, an Indian boy and a coyote travel westward to the Burning Mountain for fire to keep the people warm.

The Hindu god of fire, Agni, is worshipped as terrestrial fire (flame), heavenly fire (lightning), and divine fire (the sun).

The Hawaiian goddess of fire is Pele, also known as the "Goddess of a Thousand Names." She is associated with volcanoes, making her both a fundamentally creative and destructive figure.

I could go on with this list, but I will end it with the True Fire Bringer, Jesus. These myths and legends are but faded man-made concoctions made to distract us from Him. Jesus is the fire that burns within our hearts, as He was the fire that burned on Mount Sinai. He is the one who gives us light and warmth through His fire. He is the one who passes judgment on our works and burns up what is not godly. It is His fire that consumes evil in the end. It is His fire that consumes our old nature and lights our spirits on fire in our new nature to love, serve and follow Him.

I. Jesus the Fire Bringer! (Luke 12: 49 – 50)

49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

Jesus wanted fire for God to be kindled in the hearts of people. Jesus was waiting for His baptism to come, not of water, but of suffering on the Cross. Baptism means to be immersed.

(Exodus 24:17) The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

(Leviticus 9:24) and fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

(Rev. 1:14) His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

(Luke 3: 16) John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

(Luke 24:32)

And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

When we are "in love" with someone, our hearts are passionately on fire for them. Do you have this burning fire passion for Jesus?

II. The Fire of Spiritual Thermodynamics

Thermodynamics is defined as Physics that deal with the mechanical actions of relations of heat.

Heat burns gas to propel your car

Various forms of heat (gas, coal, nuclear) transform into power.

Likewise, the Holy Spirit is the fire that is in our hearts sent by God

(Acts 1:8)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

(John 15:5)

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

But this fire must be stoked to maintain spiritual passion for Christ our Lord

(Leviticus 6:12)

And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.

We are the temples of God and we must keep stoking the spiritual fire in our hearts for Christ.

As Living Temples of God (II Corinthians 6:16b)
Don't Let Your Spiritual Fire Go Out or
Simply Smolder

(II Corinthians 6: 16)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

(II Timothy 1:6)

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

(I Thessalonians 5:19)

Do not quench the Spirit.

Keep Adding Wood to the Fire With Regular:

- ✝ Prayer
- ✝ Bible Reading
- ✝ Bible Study
- ✝ Quiet Time With God
- ✝ Meditation on the Word
- ✝ Fellowship With Other Believers
- ✝ Service or Ministry
- ✝ Witnessing

Have We Set Our Spiritual Thermostat Too Low?
In Fear that God Will Use Us in Unexpected Ways?