

Holy Ghost – “Consuming Fire” Pt. 1

Hebrews 12: 28-29 [NIV]

" Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, **FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE**"

- * **Receiving a kingdom** that cannot be shaken!
- * **Thankful** for this revelation and factual profession!
- * Worship God **acceptably** with **reverence** and **awe**!

Why?

Cause OUR God [Jehovah God] Is a Consuming Fire!

Not just a Fire - But a Holy Consuming Fire!

Con·sum·ing - Pronunciation: \kən-□sü-mij\

Meaning:

- * **Deeply Felt** – body, mind, soul – totally consumed
- * **Ardent** - expressed in eager zealous support or activity
- * **Fiery** - consisting of fire - marked by fire - using or carried out with fire - liable to catch fire or explode - flammable - being in an inflamed state or condition -full of or exuding emotion or spirit
- * **Hot** - having a relatively high temperature - capable of giving a sensation of heat or of burning
- * **Impassioned** - filled with passion or zeal : showing great warmth or intensity of feeling - implies warmth and intensity - suggests fluent verbal expression - an intense degree of zeal, devotion, or enthusiasm suggests warmly and spontaneously and often feverishly expressed emotion

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FIRE

The phenomenon of combustion **manifested** in light, flame, and heat

Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards (October 5, 1703 – March 22, 1758) was a preacher, theologian, and missionary to Native Americans

Edwards played a critical role in shaping *the First Great Awakening*, and oversaw some of the first *fires of revival* in 1733-1735 at his church in Northampton, Massachusetts Edwards's sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"

Jonathan Edwards wrote:

Our people don't so much need to have their heads stored as to have their hearts touched and they stand in the greatest need of that sort of preaching that has the greatest tendency to do this.

* Jonathan Edwards observed *the spiritual condition* of many Christians in his day - he saw men and women with *full heads* and *numb hearts*.

* He also saw some with an *"intemperate zeal"* [Having or showing a lack of self – control – given to or characterized by excessive indulgences – a lack of moderation or self-restraint]

* Simply many were deceived people who had *"faith without spiritual light"*

* Jonathan Edwards poured much of his life into explaining how the head and heart combine *to evidence real saving faith*

Evidence real saving faith!

Edwards believed being a Christian meant being passionate about truth [True Truth is the Word of God]

Edwards understood truth as this: God is supreme in everything

God designed humans to seek their happiness in Him

* That's why God commanded people to delight in him (Psalm 37:4)

Deuteronomy 4: 23-24 [NIV]

“23 Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden.

24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God”

Truth and Passion

* Forget not the covenant of the Lord your God – Know His Word

* Don't put anything or anyone in His place

Light and Heat

* For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God!

* People in the world who do not know Jesus need to see Jesus in those who claim to know Jesus!

* Truth and Passion - Light and Heat!

* Come on Now – Truth and Passion – Light and Heat!

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* Receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken!

* **Kingdom**: Greek: means: royal power, kingship, dominion, rule - the right or authority - the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah - a kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king

* I think it's a great time to Worship God Acceptably with reverence and awe!

* **Acceptably** Greek: means: in a manner well pleasing to one, acceptable

* **Reverence** Greek: means: deep respect / honor / regard or treat deep respect

Acts 2: 1-4 [Message]

“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them”