

## **Holy Ghost – “Consuming Fire” Pt.2**

**Hebrews 12: 28-29** [NIV]

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- \* **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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**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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*" 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!

\* **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”

**Pentecost: 50<sup>th</sup> day**

\* **Pentecost:** The second of the three great Jewish feasts, celebrated at Jerusalem yearly, the seventh week after the Passover, in grateful recognition of the completed harvest

**Now in Acts 2 – At the Feast of Pentecost – 7 weeks after Passover [The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the lamb of God] on the 50th Day – the Holy Spirit like wildfire filled the whole building and as the Holy Spirit prompted them they spoke!**

\* Now we see how when the Holy Spirit settled into the very room the believers were assembled in! Because they were seeking and obedient  
 \* We see how the Holy Spirit like fire spread through their ranks and how that Holy Fire prompted them to speak – so simply they SPOKE as the Holy Spirit prompted them – but not in their natural tongue, not in their learned tongue but from normal to extraordinary language!

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\* When we come to realize the kingdom presence, power and authority we are a part of – our spirit man comes alive, humbled and receptive  
 \* Suddenly thanks giving rises up within our soul and true acceptable worship – the kind that brings reverence and awe explodes.  
 \* Holy Fire – Consuming fire becomes very evident not only to the believers but to those around them!

Acts 2: 5-11 [Message]

“ 5-11 There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?”

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\* Oh when the Consuming Fire of God sets forth in the midst of Gods Children – people will hear and run to the fire - People will run to the sound of God

**Holy Combustion – Holy Phenomenon**

Phenomenon: meaning – Some thing appearing into view – *Manifested*  
[Meaning: Clear or obvious to the eye or mind – evidence or proof

- \* *Light* – Presence
- \* *Flame* – Holy Ghost
- \* *Heat* – The witness – The Passion – The Product, simply the manifestation

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- \* We are a people who have received a kingdom!
- \* The kingdom of God!
- \* A kingdom that - you hear me now - a kingdom that cannot be shaken!

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come - Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth” [Luke 11:2]

**Kingdom****1 Peter 2: 9-10 [KJ]**

**“But *ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him* who hath called you out of darkness *into his marvellous light;***

**10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy”**

**\* Ye are a chosen generation - a royal priesthood – a holy nation!**

***WHO DAT NATION?***

***WE DAT NATION!!!!***

- \* Come on Now!**
- \* You are a chosen generation**
- \* You are a royal priesthood**
- \* You are an holy nation!**

**Show forth the praises of Him!  
He has called you out of darkness!  
You are in His marvelous light!**

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