A Consuming Fire

Our God is a consuming fire (Ex0dus 24:17; Deuteronomy 4:24 and 9:3). Leviticus 10 and Numbers 16 provide vivid illustrations of this truth. Therefore, **serve God with reverence and awe** (Hebrews 12:28-29).

**1. The fire of God’s anger comes from *within Himself***

A. He, Himself, is a *consuming fire*

B. We cannot face Him without *transformation*

1 Timothy 6:15-16

**2. The fire of God’s anger comes *from His love***

A. God loves *righteousness*

Psalm 11:4-7

B. God loves *His Son*

Psalm 2

C. God loves *His people*

Deuteronomy 4:23-24, 35-37

**3. The fire of God’s anger inspires reverence & *awe***

Hebrews 20:23-31; 12:25-29. The more clearly we see Him, the more we will be—

A. Careful to *persevere*

B. Concerned for *lost*

C. Serving with *gratefulness*

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. God had to protect Moses from the consuming fire of His presence. What did God do for Moses (Exodus 34:20-23)? What could Moses not do in Exodus 40:33-35?

3. What happened to the sacrifices in the following passages?

Leviticus 9:24

1 Kings 18:32

2 Chronicles 7:1

4. What happened to the complainers in Numbers 11:1-2 and the soldiers in 2 Kings 1?

5. Why should God’s people praise the Lord and be thankful that He is a consuming fire (Isaiah 30:27-33)?