

"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, And The Bush Was Not Consumed." Exodus 3:2 KJV



It is not unusual for dry desert shrubbery to spontaneously combust in the desert heat. What made this burning bush unusual was that it was not consumed by the fire. Moses observed it burning for some time. *"And Moses said, 'I will now turn aside, and see this*

great sight, why the bush is not burnt." As he drew near God Spoke to him from the *"flame of fire. 'Moses, Moses! Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is Holy Ground."* The place was "Holy Ground" by virtue of God's Presence. When the Holy Spirit's Fire Burns Brightly in us, it may not attract much attention at first, because it is mistaken for human energy. However, when the Fire continues year after year for a lifetime, people are drawn to the *"flame of fire."* They want to know why we are not "consumed;" why we do not burn out. Christians who "burn out" are not lit with Holy Fire, but have substituted human effort and zeal for Divine Presence. *"Draw nigh to God and He Will Draw Nigh to you!"* God's Presence makes the soul "Holy Ground." God's Presence Is In us by virtue of His Word Living in our thoughts, ordering our moment to moment choices. He is known best by those who pray and meditate *"without ceasing."* Those who neglect simple daily obedience to God's Word for human endeavor and accomplishment find the Holy Oil of God's Fire diminished. God Uses believers to speak Truth to a curious world, but there must be Holy Fire! *"Our God Is A Consuming Fire."* When Holy Fire consumes us, we will never burn out or burn up, because it Is His Fire that Burns, not ours. His Presence Hallows our lives and we become a beacon of Light drawing men to God. Through us, God Can Speak the Word necessary to affect Transformation in the lives of others. Stedfastness is the key to our success, and God's Word Is The Key to our stedfastness. We labor, but for a season, and His *"Yoke"* Makes our burden Light. We have Eternity to rest!

The burning bush was never burned,
And from its Light the prophet learned,
If from our soul the Flame doth shine,
The world will know the Word Divine. –CGP

Moses got so close to God later at Mt. Sinai that his face shone! Believers who walk closely with their Lord have faces that proclaim their relationship. I was visiting a friend at a local Christian Radio station in St. Petersburg, Florida. As we entered the control room, I noticed a sign above the door. I will never forget what was written there. It read, "If your heart is full of Joy, please, notify your face." It is at once humorous, insightful, and reproving. Maybe we don't "glow," because we have no Joy. Joy is directly proportional to the time we spend with God, because *"the Joy of the Lord is your strength!"* Let's fill our lamps and rekindle our "Love Light" at the Eternal Flame of *"the Joy of the Lord!"* Men will be drawn to their Creator through us.

"Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which Is In Heaven." Matthew 5:16 KJV