

"And on the day that the Tabernacle was reared up The Cloud covered the Tabernacle, namely, the Tent of the Testimony: and at even there was Upon The Tabernacle As It Were The Appearance Of Fire, until the morning. So it was always: The Cloud Covered It by day, and the Appearance of Fire by night." *Numbers 9:15-16 KJV*



The Presence of God Was Intensely Evident in the "Tent of the Testimony" by The Cloud by day and "the Appearance of Fire" by night. The Apostle Paul tells us that a believer's body "Is The Temple of the Holy Ghost." By virtue of God's Presence in our lives and the darkness of sin that surrounds us, our Light of Truth should be intensely evident to all. Our cheerful obedience to God's Word should be a "Light of Righteousness" that shines brightly on our "tabernacle" to guide penitent sinners Home and a "cloud...of love" that covers our human imperfections in the "Assembly of the brethren!" Before He Left Jesus Said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." It was not only a mandate, but an operations manual as well! The earthly tabernacle/body of a believer should be a "Tent of the Testimony." Our lives should fervently testify the Fact of God's Eternal Fire And Presence. "Our God Is A Consuming Fire!" If His Presence doesn't consume your soul then His Fire Will Be your eternal death. Our souls should "burn within us" as we walk and talk with God! The reason there's so much "wood hay and stubble" in our lives is because there's no Holy Spirit Fire to purge it away. There are no glowing coals of zeal to force the dross of our humanity to the top of our smelting pot. I worked one summer with a plumber. We had no PVC, but used cast iron to run drains. Hot lead was poured into the joints to seal them. It was kept molten in a pot over a blow torch. I noticed that no matter how many times it was heated or how long it stayed hot, there would always be impurities rising to the top. Not even the purest gold is 100% and the gold of our faith must be constantly fired again and again to purge us of the sin that mars our purity. Job, in the midst of his turmoil, said, "Behold, I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive Him: On the left hand, Where He Doth Work, but I cannot behold Him: He Hideth Himself on the right hand, that I cannot see Him: But He Knoweth the way that I take: when He Hath Tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD Gave, and the LORD Hath Taken Away; Blessed Be the Name of the LORD." No matter how bad it got, Job knew it was God's Purifying Work and in the end he would profit from it. He lost his children, his wealth, and his health, but His Faith burned brilliantly even in the fire of turmoil! God even pointed this out to Satan When He Asked, "Hast thou considered My Servant, Job?"

Can men perceive the fire of God,  
As you commune on earthly sod?  
And does His fire consume your dross,  
And purify your darkest thoughts? –CGP

The two on the Emmaus Road listened as God expounded His Word to them and it ignited a fire in them! They exclaimed, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He Talked with us by the way, and while He Opened to us the Scriptures?" Does the Fire of God's Presence Burn in your "Tent of Testimony?"

"Ye are the Light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your Light so Shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which Is In Heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16 KJV*