

"And Nadab and Abihu died, when They Offered Strange Fire Before The LORD." Numbers 26:61 KJV

"Our God Is A Consuming Fire." Zeal that is not 100% Holy Spirit sustained, is "strange fire." Many so-called ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are what Dad called, "Mama called and Daddy sent!" Not truly separated to God and dedicated to the ministry. True ministers care little about monetary gain; always seeking to please God and preach His Word. We are not to follow men or their teaching, if their life does not follow God's Word. "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose Faith, follow, considering the end of their conversation. (What they do)." What men do speaks louder than what they say! Outright preaching of heresy aside, the litmus test of any "minister" is to see what happens when the money stops or the accolades cease. How easily are they persuaded to quit? How many pastors stopped pastoring to sell insurance or do something else, because the pastorate didn't "pay" them enough? I do not mean to disparage or disrespect those who recognized they are not God-called and have stepped down to allow God's man to assume



leadership. These men are to be commended for their honesty. Many believers loudly proclaim fealty to Truth in Church, but they fall strangely silent in the world around them or in the face of rejection or opposition. They fake great zeal on Sunday, but Monday through Saturday, they live like the world! "How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Pleasure in ungodliness leaves the Path of Righteousness and separates from God Who Is Life. "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." If it pleases the world, it angers God! (Does your "fun" fit here?) "But if we walk in The Light, As He Is In The Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, Cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Dear Believer, if you remembered Jesus Saw And Heard what you say and do, would you still do it? Remember, God Is Omnipresent; everywhere at once! We exist because of His Being "For He Is Before all things and by Him ALL things consist!" Word or deed by any proclaimed believer unprompted by Truth is "strange fire!" It will bar any fellowship with God, "For it is God Which Worketh In you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure." What impetus drives your daily walk? Fun or Faith? Will you neglect God or have you, already?

Heavenly fire is what we need,
To try our ev'ry word and deed,
The flame of Truth stays burning bright,
When we are walking in the Light. –CGP

Is your life a "strange fire" before the Lord, depending upon self-effort to live Righteously or get to heaven? The faithful Saint knows the Lord's Voice, heeds That Heavenly Voice, and follows that Voice of Truth in their thoughts. The saints on the road to Emmaus instinctively knew it was the Lord that had walked and talked with them for as soon as He left "they said one to another, 'Did not our heart burn within us, while He Talked with us by the way, and while He Opened to us the Scriptures?'" Your heart will glow within you when the "Spirit of Truth" unlocks Truth as you read and meditate upon God's Word, as He brings you apart into fellowship with God, Himself! Our Lord Prayed the night He was betrayed, "Sanctify them with Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth!" God's Word Will Keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from God's Word! Have you read God's Word, today?

"That the trial of your Faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto Praise and Honour and Glory at The Appearing of Jesus Christ:" 1 Peter 1:7 KJV