

THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERINGS

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Intro: How many of you like to build a fire?

Text: Leviticus 6:12-13 (NKJV) *And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.*

I. Sacrifice is Different than _____ -- 1 Kings 18:21-39

- A. Elijah's contest with Baal's prophets
- B. Baal's prophets killed a bullock
- C. Elijah made an altar (a place of sacrifice)
- D. In addition to the bullock, Elijah added something of great value (water)
- E. Cain gave an offering, Abel gave a sacrifice
- F. If it isn't painful to the point of death, it isn't a sacrifice

II. The Sacrifice of Jesus

Luke 22:41-44 (NKJV) *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- A. _____ was on the other side of sacrifice
- B. Our initial fire for God is the result of our initial repentance

Conclusion: Don't Let the _____ Go Out

- A. If you want more fire, lay something on the altar
- B. Fire will always consume a sacrifice

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (KJV) *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*