

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, March 13, 2016
Desire Fresh Fire
2 The incense of Prayer

TEXT: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 / Leviticus 9:23-10:2

We started this year talking about this word: "Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire". We reviewed the things that God has given us for our church family. We got a fresh revelation of what it means to be a member of a church. Now we return to the idea of seeking fresh fire. Last time we talked about getting hungry. Today we begin looking at specifics about fresh fire.

- 1) Desire fresh fire, not strange fire
 - a) The fire has to be lit by the Lord Lev 9:23-24
 - b) Anything else is strange fire Lev 10:1-2
 - i) God's fire ate up those who offered their own. Notice V>2
 - ii) This fire left their garments and bodies intact Lev. 10:3-5
 - c) Fire from the Presence came under the old covenant to:
 - i) Acknowledge an acceptable sacrifice.
 - ii) Confirm the Word of the Lord and protect His messenger
 - iii) Judge those who
 - (1) Step into an unauthorized office
 - (2) Offer unauthorized offerings
 - (3) Resist and rebel against God's appointed leadership
 - d) The fire of God that we are desiring comes from His Presence. In the New Covenant we know that
 - i) Our High priest has made the way for us into the Holy of holies. Hebrews 10:21-22. **Question:** When you read this Scripture, how do you picture it affecting your life?
 - ii) He sends fire into our hearts. Jer 20:9 / Lk 24:32
 - iii) The fire that ignites also purifies. Luke 3:16-17 "
- 2) The significance of incense:
 - a) Nadab and Abihu were specifically using strange fire to burn incense
 - b) Several things in the New Testament are described using the incense metaphor:
 - i) Incense as an offering of adoration Joh 12:3

- ii) We are the aroma of Christ 2Co 2:14-16 **Question:** What does it mean to be a sweet aroma to one and the aroma of death to another? How do you smell to others?
 - iii) An offering to God for sin Eph 5:2 **Question:** What does God mean when He asks us to imitate Christ?
 - iv) The aroma of our offerings in Heaven Php 4:18
 - c) Notice these guys got burned up burning incense. This was done for a specific purpose Ex 30:6-9 / Lev16:12-13
 - d) Korah's rebellion Included incense burning Num 16:34-40. **Question:** Why do you think God judges this rebellion so harshly?
 - e) Incense is a picture of the prayers and praises of the saints Psalms 141:1-3 / Rev 5:8-9 / 8:3-5
- 3) It is time to stir up the prayer flame
 - a) Heb 11:6 Prayer is only pleasing if it is in faith. When I pray, I believe I receive that results that the Scripture promises.
 - b) Mk 11:24 the prayer of faith
 - c) Romans 10:17
 - i) Faith begins where the will of God is known. His Word is His will. 1 Jn 5:14-15 **Question:** Of faith begins with the will of God, how do you determine His will before you pray?
 - ii) Faith comes from the Word
 - d) Faith believes it receives when it prays. **Question:** Give some natural examples of how we believe things before we see them:
 - e) Faith says "thank you" before it sees the answer. Phil 4:6-7
 - i) Faith acts: James 2:17
 - ii) Faith speaks what the Word says: 2 Cor 4:13
 - iii) Faith speaks to the mountain Mk 11:23
 - iv) Faith obeys the voice of the Spirit. Rom 8:14

Question: What are you believing God for? What scripture are you standing on? What does the Scripture tell you to do? What has the Spirit told you to do?