

SMOKE

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Consuming Fire

- This series is about God’s presence.
- “Where there's smoke, there's fire.”
- Inviting God into our lives.
- “We want the smoke”

In the Bible, when there's smoke, we often see God:

- ❖ Smoke rises from the altar. (Leviticus 1:9)
- ❖ Smoke surrounds the mountain where God speaks. (Exodus 19:18)
- ❖ Smoke fills the temple when His glory enters. (Isaiah 6:4)
- ❖ Smoke ascends from the incense of the saints' prayers. (Revelation 8:3-4)
- ❖ And in the end—smoke even surrounds His throne. (Revelation 15:8)

Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal. **1 Kings 18:24 (ESV)**
And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call

upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.

Deuteronomy 4:24 (ESV) For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

- Your relationship with Him is covenantal.
- Like a faithful spouse.
- He wants all of you.

Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV) 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

- Fire leaves evidence of where its been. Heat, smoke, ashes.
- Holiness is not intimidation—it's an invitation.

Exodus 19:16-18 (ESV) 16 On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had

descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

- Have we lost our awe for God?

Hebrews 10:19-22 (ESV) 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- Don't be content to watch other people enter His presence while you stand back.
- God has made a way for you to step in.