



FORGED IN FIRE



Main Point: There is no Form without Fire.
Without God, we are formless and void.

Genesis 1:1-3 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light

John 8:12 - I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Matthew 5: 14 - You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

V. 16 - Let your light shine before others so they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Exodus 3 and 4 - Moses and the burning bush...

From the presence of God we receive:

Purpose, Correction, and Direction

How do we get to the point where we're are
shaped by the presence of God?

We dedicate the temple to Him

II Chronicles 7

II Chronicles 7:1-3 - 1 As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. 3 When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Today, WE are the temple where the glory of the Lord dwells

Romans 12:1-2 - ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

We offer ourselves to be totally consumed by the
presence of God

How?

Humility, Repentance, and Prayer

What happens when we do this?

Afflictions and Oppositions become opportunities for God to move in our lives and shape us into the people HE has called us to be.

In our humility... A purpose greater than ourselves
is forged

Our need for repentance becomes evident...
Correction shapes us

Our prayers become about our relationship with
God and not merely what He can do for us