

Psalm 97:1–3 (NKJV)

1 The Lord reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!
2 Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

3 A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

Psalm 18:6–8 (NKJV)

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

- Prayer is not primarily getting heaven to agree with earth; prayer is bringing earth into agreement with heaven. It gives earthly voice to heavenly intention
- Prayer moves us out of the place of performance and into the place of dependence
- Prayer becomes the birthplace of transformation. Prayer doesn't merely change circumstances around us; prayer places us before the God who changes something within us.

1 KINGS 18:24 (NKJV)

24 Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.” So all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.”

FIREPLACE #1 - MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

EXODUS 3:1–2 (NKJV)

1 NOW MOSES WAS TENDING THE FLOCK OF JETHRO HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, THE PRIEST OF MIDIAN. AND HE LED THE FLOCK TO THE BACK OF THE DESERT, AND CAME TO HOREB, THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD.

2 AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A FLAME OF FIRE FROM THE MIDST OF A BUSH. SO HE LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, THE BUSH WAS BURNING WITH FIRE, BUT THE BUSH WAS NOT CONSUMED.

FIREPLACE #2 - GIDEON AND HIS CALLING

JUDGES 6:17 (NKJV)

17 THEN HE SAID TO HIM, "IF NOW I HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT, THEN SHOW ME A SIGN THAT IT IS YOU WHO TALK WITH ME.

JUDGES 6:21 (NKJV)

21 THEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD PUT OUT THE END OF THE STAFF THAT WAS IN HIS HAND, AND TOUCHED THE MEAT AND THE UNLEAVENED BREAD; AND FIRE ROSE OUT OF THE ROCK AND CONSUMED THE MEAT AND THE UNLEAVENED BREAD. AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD DEPARTED OUT OF HIS SIGHT.

FIREPLACE #3 - AFTER AARON'S SACRIFICE

LEVITICUS 9:22-24 (NKJV)

22 THEN AARON LIFTED HIS HAND TOWARD THE PEOPLE, BLESSED THEM, AND CAME DOWN FROM OFFERING THE SIN OFFERING, THE BURNT OFFERING, AND PEACE OFFERINGS. 23 AND MOSES AND AARON WENT INTO THE TABERNACLE OF MEETING, AND CAME OUT AND BLESSED THE PEOPLE. THEN THE GLORY OF THE LORD APPEARED TO ALL THE PEOPLE, 24 AND FIRE CAME OUT FROM BEFORE THE LORD AND CONSUMED THE BURNT OFFERING AND THE FAT ON THE ALTAR. WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE SAW IT, THEY SHOUTED AND FELL ON THEIR FACES.