All Fired Up (Outline David Dykes) Luke 12:49-50 "I have come that you might have life-and have it more abundantly." John 10:

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." John 19:10 "The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed!" Luke 12:49-50

1. GOD'S FIRE ILLUSTRATES HIS DAZZLING PRESENCE

"To the Israelites, the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire." Exodus 24:17

"Fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the burnt offering ... And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell face-down." Leviticus 9:24

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us?" Luke 24:32

2. GOD'S FIRE GENERATES UNLIMITED POWER

"You will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you." Acts 1:8

"Without Me you can do nothing." John 5:5

"The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire." Leviticus 6:12

PAUSE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION: HAS THE FIRE GONE OUT IN MY HEART?

"Don't put out the Spirit's fire." 1 Thessalonians 5:19

"You may be little experiences and speak of the dangers of emotion, but we are suffering from a species of Christianity as dry as dust, as cold as ice, as pale as a corpse, and as dead as King Tut. We are suffering not from a lack of correct heads-but from a lack of consumed hearts." **Leonard Ravenhill**

"Just because some have gone into a wildfire with rolling in the hay and foaming at the mouth, that doesn't mean that the rest of us have to live in a deep freeze! God never intended His church to be a refrigerator to preserve perishable piety-it must be a place where God's fire falls and His people are ignited for service." Vance Havner

3. GOD'S POWER ELIMINATES OUR IMPURE QUALITIES

"For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver." Malachi 3:2-3

God sat by a furnace of sevenfold heat, As He placed in His precious ore; And closer He bent, with a loving gaze, As He heated it more and more. He knew He had ore that could stand the test; And He wanted the finest of gold -To mold as a crown for the King to wear; Set with gems of a price untold. He laid us as gold in the burning fire,

Though we sure would have told Him "nay;" And He watched the dross that we had not seen, As it melted and passed away. And our gold grew brighter, and yet more bright; But our eyes were so dim with tears, We saw but the fire - not the Master's hand -And questioned with anxious fears.

But He waited there with a watchful eye, With a love that is strong and sure; And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat, Than was needed to make it pure.

4. GOD'S FIRE CAPTIVATES THE <u>ATTENTION</u> OF PEOPLE

When the day of Pentecost came ... they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues ... when they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment ... amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Acts 2:3, 6, 12

5. GOD'S FIRE RADIATES THROUGH HIS SERVANTS

"When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the glory of the Lord filled the temple ... when all the people saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped." 2 Chronicles 7:1-3 "Oh, Lord, you're beautiful. Your face is all I seek. For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me. O Lord, please light the fire, which once burned bright and clear, replace the lamp of my first love, that burned with holy fear."