

# **How To Keep The Fire Burning**

*Luke 24:32; Leviticus 6:13*

## **Introduction:**

*Read two main texts*

*Lev. 6:13 – Explanation*

*Combining these 2 texts—we see a literal fire on a literal altar, and a spiritual fire that should always be burning on the altar of our hearts*

*Quote "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

*OVERVIEW of Luke 24 3 score furlongs = 7 miles*

*1<sup>st</sup> S.S. Class in history taught by Christ vs.25-27*

*GYPSY SMITH / on fire for God in his 80's*

*How do we stay on fire for God?!!*

## **PRAYER**

**1. Keep Burning With A Heart Filled With Communion With Your Savior v. 32**

*Let's be clear... these men were not praying to Jesus in verses 13-31.  
"While He talked with us by the way"*

*Yet, they were talking with Christ—that is what prayer is!*

*Cold-hearted Christianity comes from many things, but mainly it comes from prayerlessness!!*

*Being careful with this text, not to stretch it to*

*come up with an outline...but there is a great truth*

*that prayer is a Fire. (Would you put that down...the Fire of Prayer)*

*I Kings 18:38 and 39 – Elijah on Carmel/ fire came down!!!*

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*James 5:16b, "the effectual **fervent** prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*

**1. Keep Burning With A Heart Filled With Communion With Your Savior** v. 32

**2. Keep Burning With A Heart Filled With Commitment To The Scriptures** v. 32

*Robert Rakes in Gloucester, England in 1780 is credited with founding what we call Sunday School. (Explain)*

*But, really the first Sunday School lesson was taught by Jesus Christ Himself!! What a lesson that must have been—verses 25-27.*

*In the Law we read of the Priests and the blood sacrifices—Jesus told how He was the High Priest*

*In the books of History, you read about the Kings—many who were corrupt and led the people astray—He told how He was the true King of the Jews*

*In the prophets—major and minor—it told of the Prophet who would come and preach deliverance to His people*

*Christ spoke of Himself from the Old Testament. How our hearts need to be warmed by finding Christ on all the pages of the Word of God.*

*Turn to 2 verses in Jeremiah/ 20:9 & 23:29*

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*\*\* While you are turning -*

*quote **His Word Is More To Me***

*We saw, the Fire of Prayer—now, a second fire*

*is here to keep our hearts aflame*

***The Fire of the Word!!***

*This Book is a Sword that pierces/ Heb.4:12; a Fire that purifies and a Hammer that pulverizes- Jer. 23:29.*

***3. Keep Burning With A Heart Filled With Compassion For Souls***

*Verses 33-35; 46-48*

*The Fire of Evangelism/ Witnessing/Soulwinning*

*(whatever word you prefer to write down)*

*Notice there on the handout the II Kings 7:5-9 text*

*This is not a soulwinning story!!! But, may I make an application?! "We*

*Do Not Well...this is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace!!"*

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*3 references there in your notes:*

***Matt. 9:36-38*** – *moved with compassion*

***Acts 20:31*** – *Paul told the Ephesian elders,*

*"Therefore watch and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."*

***Psalm 126:5 & 6*** *Quote verses & Weeping For Souls*

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*John Harper—Titanic's Last Hero*

*Led people to Christ on deck before the iceberg was struck*

*Preached to & prayed with passengers*

*Pleaded with Christians: women, children and the unsaved into the lifeboats*

*Gave away his lifejacket to another man*

*Plead with people in the freezing water to come to Christ*

***REVIEW:***

**KEEP BURNING with a heart filled**

***With Communion with your Savior***

***With Commitment to the Scriptures***

***With Compassion for Souls***

*3 Fires: The Fire of Prayer/ the Word/ Witnessing*

**4. *Keep Burning With A Heart Filled To Capacity With The Spirit***

*v. 49*

*This verse makes reference to Acts 1 & 2*

*Turn to Acts 2:1-4*

*Math: 3 days in the grave/ 40 days seen alive/ 7 days in the upper room = 50th day after Passover*

***The Fire of the Spirit Eph. 5:18***

*"A passion for Thee, O Lord, set a fire in my soul, and a thirst for my God. Hear Thou my prayer, Lord Thy power impart, not just to serve, but to love Thee with all of my heart."*

*- Joe Zichterman*

***May these 4 Fires Merge to give us Burning Hearts/ May the fire on the altar of our hearts NEVER GO OUT!!!***

*May God deliver us from ho-hum, mediocre, lifeless Christianity—and may Christ infuse us with spiritual life and ignite us with spiritual fire!! May the wonderful fire of revival come to this church, and to all of our hearts individually.*