

2017 theme:

"THE DILIGENT HANDS WILL RULE" Pro 12:24

- BE OBIDIENT – DO NOT DOUBT (Part 1)
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- NOT HOW SOON BUT HOW WELL (PART 22)
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Texts:

Matthew 5:29-30

²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

Bible records that God is intolerant

In 2 Samuel 6 *Uzzah* attempted to steady the ark of the LORD after an oxen stumbled on the journey back to Israel. When he reached out and touched the ark (action God forbids), God showed an intense anger, and *Uzzah* was struck down immediately .



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Brethren, one would have thought that God will forgive Uzzah, since he irresistibly acted out of his love for God, but God did not.

That is the thing about the standards of God.

Bible says in Hebrews 12: 28-29, ²⁸therefore, since we are receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us be filled with gratitude, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. ²⁹**For our God is a consuming fire.**

It is important for us to *err* on the side of caution of **God** is a consuming fire, rather than God is a merciful God.



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Exodus 24:17

And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top.

Deuteronomy 4:24

"For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Though we need God to show us His side of mercy, however, He fights our enemies using His side as a consuming fire. That means we also need His side that is a consuming fire.

In Deuteronomy 9:3, bible says:



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"Know therefore today that it is the LORD your God who is crossing over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you.

So if we need God to fight our battles, it means we need Him to come as a consuming fire. If we, therefore tolerate sin, should He not also consume?

That is why God warned us not to blow hot and cold at the same time.

“But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!” (Rev 3:16)



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Psalm 97:3

Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.

Carrying out actions that ask for God's mercy and at the same time asking Him to fight our battles as a consuming fire can only neutralize us and make us be classified as lukewarm.

- Children of God who blow hot will ask for his not tolerate sin that calls for God's side as a consuming fire.
- People who tolerate sin want to blow cold and dame the consequence.



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We can't fool God, He knows the details

2 Corinthians 5:11

What we are is clear to God, and I hope it is clear to your conscience as well.

In Numbers 11:

1 Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, **His anger was kindled**, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. 2 The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD and the fire died out



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In conclusion

If any part of ours will cause us to fall into sin, let's cut it off. It is better for us to enter life than to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

Let's not tolerate any form of sin, ²¹but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²²Stay away from every kind of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5)

2017 PRAYER POINTS

1. Prayer over the message of today
2. “Lord, please extend your love to all nations through prayers offered on this alter (Psalm 117)

Let our prayers be acceptable unto you.

3. Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...

- a. Be anointed leaders of honour like Cyrus (Isa 45:1, Rm 9:21)
- b. Give them spirit of humility in leadership and wisdom to lead well
- c. Any leader that fails to obey God's Word, should be replaced

4. Troubles/Wars in nations.

5. Leave no room for diseases; cleanse our land

6. Missions/Ministries & Missionaries/Ministers

7. Marriages, Children & families

8. Members of the fellowship – grace to be diligent

9 Needs in fellowship

