

Hello Everyone!

How is your week going? What are you doing to glorify the Lord? What is He saying to you today? How is your prayer life? Are you in the Word? Don't sell yourself short, pick up that Bible and see what God has for you today! I pray these little messages are encouraging you; you are in my prayers.

Today I want to share a simple passage. It is probably one you have read before, but I thought we could hone in on it for a bit. Let's roll!

**Hebrews 12:28-29**

*"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire"*

When I read this verse I can't help but shout out in praise! Hallelujah, I am receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, and Thank you Lord that you are a consuming fire! Each day is better than the last because I know and walk with you!

This passage says "let us be thankful".....because we are receiving this kingdom that cannot be shaken. Well what exactly does that entail? Are we strictly talking about eternity here (as if that isn't enough!) NO! Here is what comes with the package deal of a "kingdom that cannot be shaken":

- Jesus Christ, atonement for our sins, our saving grace
- His Holy Spirit that guides us and intercedes for us
- Our loving God that hears and answers our prayers
- A God who has blessed us with his wonderful character as our example, and amazing works to build our faith and teach us
- A family of God, our fellow believers to go through this walk with us

These are all things to rejoice over right now! These things are not in the future, they are in the now. Are you living like they are in the now? When you consider all that God has equipped us with, are you grabbing a hold of it? I encourage you to, through prayer, through the word, through worshiping and having fellowship with other believers. This is a gift that we should be ripping into and using to glorify God in all aspects of our lives. Verse 29 says "for our God is a consuming fire". A consuming fire. We are not talking about the weak flame of a tea light candle here. We are talking about a raging, consuming fire. I love this statement because there are so many different things we could say about a fire that are like God. First of all, the warmth and the brightness that draws us in is just as the warming love of our father that is so inviting.....consuming. The constant moving of the flames of a fire reminds me of God's movement through so many of us, He is ever flowing, always moving, always at work. How about the powerful ability the fire has to spread at the drop of a hat? God works like that, however he wants, whenever he wants. The Pentecost comes to mind. I also think of a raging, consuming fire in the way of the lack of ability to contain it. It reminds me that God is in control, we are not, and certainly, we do not control God. Fires are fierce, demand attention, require respect, bold, yet so warm and beautiful.

How do you envision God? Is he consuming you with all of his fire like traits? I know I stand in reverence and in awe.  
Let's pray.

God, you are a consuming fire, and I invite you to be the fire inside of me. Ignite me from the inside out so I may worship you with all of my heart, my life, my everything. You are my first love, my joy, my shelter. When I think of the dark days when I didn't walk with you I shudder. When I think of others not knowing you I mourn for them. When I soak in your presence my heart flutters with so much gratitude and so much love that I can't help but lose myself in you. I am amazed at the way you reveal yourself to me, and I look forward to waking each morning just to meet with you again. How I long for the day when I stand face to face with you! I am so thankful for your provisions, your loving kindness, your holy spirit, your forgiveness, your patience. I thank you for your word and all you say to me through it. Amen