

"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed." Exodus 3:2



It is not unusual for dry desert shrubbery to spontaneously combust in the desert heat. What made this unusual was that it was not consumed by the fire. Moses had probably observed it burning for some time and when it continued to burn

and burn and burn without burning up, he wanted a closer look. As he drew near God spoke to him from the incandescent glow. The place was hallowed and it became "Holy Ground" by virtue of God's Presence. When the Holy Spirit's Fire burns brightly in us, it may not attract much attention at first, because it is mistaken for human energy. However, when the Fire continues to burn and burn and burn, year after year for a lifetime, people will be drawn to the Flame. They will want to know why we are not "consumed;" why we do not burn out. God's Presence makes our soul "Holy Ground." He would use us to speak Truth to a curious world, but there must be Fire to before we can attract any attention. Too many believers have not "caught on fire" for God and are content to bask in the warmth of the Son. When Holy Fire consumes us, we will never burn out or burn up. His Presence hallows our lives and we become a beacon of Light that draws men to the Word of God. Through us, God can speak the Word necessary to affect transformation in the lives of others. Stedfastness is the key to our success, and God is the key to our stedfastness. We labor, but for a season, and His "yoke" makes our burden Light. We have Eternity to rest.

The burning bush was never burned,
From its Light the prophet learned,
If from our soul the Light will shine,
The world will know the Word Divine. ~CGP

Moses was so close to God that his face glowed. Believers should walk so closely with their Lord that their faces proclaim their relationship. I was visiting a friend at a local Christian Radio station in St. Petersburg, Florida. As we entered the control room, I noticed a sign above the door. I will never forget what was written there. It said, "If your heart is full of Joy, please, notify your face." It is at once humorous and insightful. Maybe we don't "glow," because we have no Joy. Joy is directly proportional to the time we spend with God. Let's fill our lamps and rekindle our "Love Light" at the Eternal Flame. Men will be drawn to their Creator through us.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16