

# GOD - the Devouring Fire



How do you describe the LORD God?

**Loving?** Yes, God is loving.

**Patient?** Yes, He is that too.

**Powerful?** Definitely.

The Bible also describes God as a **Devouring Fire**.  
"Devour" means to consume completely — even to destroy.

## Why might God be like a Devouring Fire?



A fire is **destructive**. God — like a fire — has the power to destroy. Evil things and people are **not safe** in His presence.

Fire produces **heat, energy, and light**.  
God provides spiritual fuel through His Holy Spirit to keep our faith burning strong. He never has an energy crisis.

A very hot fire melts the wax covering certain tree cones to release their seeds so they can sprout and grow. When God's children face the heat of troubles, He melts away our fear when we trust in Him, so we can thrive and grow.



A fire even creates its own weather, affecting all around. **God affects all**. His influence reaches **far and wide**, even into the nooks & crannies of our hearts where we don't think He can go. He stokes turbulence among His enemies so they crash and burn.

Fires can damage tree crowns high in a forest.



God can take the crowns of earthly kings & leaders who think themselves too high & mighty to submit to Him.



A fire clears the land of weeds & debris so that tender seedlings have space & light to grow. The Lord Jesus Christ **cleanses our soul** and weeds out the bad habits that slow us down.

A major fire may be restrained by another fire that meets it. Jesus is His Father's equal. He absorbed the fire of His Father's judgement so we don't have to be destroyed — if we trust in Jesus.

A fire leaves sparks concealed beneath the soil. God's actions leave hidden embers deep in the soil of our spirit & soul, which He can kindle when He wants to warn us of danger — so we are alert and watchful.



We ignore fire at our peril. Likewise, those who ignore God put themselves in great danger!

So what do we do? Worship God, and **give Him thanks** for having pity on us and sending the Lord Jesus to **save us** from destruction. Put your faith & trust in His Son Jesus as *your* Saviour.

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*"Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire." – Hebrews 12:28-29*