Keeping the Lord’s Fire Burning
Lev. 6:8-13

Introduction:
A. Christians need to study the Old Testament.
   1. Not to keep its commands. (cf. Col. 2:14-17)
   2. But to:
      a. Help us understand much of N.T. (cf. Hebrews & other references to O.T.)
      b. Learn from its examples, types and shadows (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4; Heb. 4:11).
B. Christians’ worship and service to God foreshadowed by O.T. priests’ altar service.
   1. We are priests. (I Pet. 2:5,9).
   2. We offer spiritual sacrifices of worship and service. (Heb. 13:14-16; Phil. 4:18).
   3. Christians need to keep the fire burning in their hearts to worship and serve the Lord.
C. These instructions to the Old Testament priesthood can serve as type for us today.

Discussion:
I. Do Not Put the Fire Out. (Chapter 6:12).
   A. With the cares of this world.... (Matt. 13:22).
      1. Too involved with business affairs.
      2. Too involved with family affairs.
      3. Too involved with community affairs.
      4. Too involved with social affairs.
   B. With the sins of this world. (1 John 2:15-17)
      1. Sinful attitudes.
         a. Defeatist attitude.
         b. Hypercritical attitude.
         c. Antagonistic attitude.
      2. Sinful actions.
II. Do Not Let the Fire Go Out. (Chapter 6:13)
   A. By not keeping it refueled.
      1. By renewing our minds. (2 Cor. 4:16; Rom. 12:2)
      2. By studying and meditating on God’s word. (I Pet. 2:2; 2 Tim. 2:15; cf. Psa. 1:1)
   B. By not keeping it stirred up.
      2. By stirring to action. (cf. James 1:25; Heb. 5:14)
III. Do Not Swap it Out. (Chapter 10:1)
   A. The Lord’s fire for unauthorized fire.
      1. Unauthorized worship. (John 4:24; Matt. 15:9)
      2. Unauthorized work. (Col. 3:17)
   B. The Lord’s fire of decent, orderly, thoughtful worship for other fires more appealing to us. (cf. 1 Cor. 14:15,16,23,32-33)
      1. The fire of pentecostalism.
      2. The fire of emotionalism.
      3. The fire of sensationalism.
      4. The fire of spontaneity

Conclusion:
A. Let us keep the fire burning.
B. Let us keep the Lord’s fire burning.