"ABIDING IN THE VINE" - BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS
THE "HEAVENLY FIRE" SERIES, PT. 3
"THE FIRE IN SOLOMON'S TEMPLE"

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 7

BIG IDEA: Fire represents the glory of God, as well as His powerful presence (pt. 1) and His promise of protection (pt. 2). God's glory was ultimately revealed through Christ (pt. 3).

Discussion Question: From our initial review of the background of the text, what do you think was the significance of all the extravagant preparations? Did Solomon go "over the top"? How do 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Philippians 4:8 tie into this ideology?

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A. The Power of God's Presence (v. 1-3 – "Fire From Heaven")

Discussion Question (v. 1-3): Discuss the effects of the fire (the presence and glory of God) and the reaction of the people to the presence and glory of God filling the temple.

B. The Pleasure of God's Presence (v. 4-10 – "The Dedication of the Temple")

Discussion Question (v. 4-10): How and in what ways did the people experience the "pleasure" of God's presence, power and glory?

C. The Provisions of God's Presence (v. 11-22 – "If My People Pray")

Discussion Question (v. 11-22): What provisions does God lay out in these verses? How do they relate to the manifestation of His power and presence/glory? What, if any, is the significance of these provisions (given long ago) for us today?

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