

Light the Fire

Intro:

- A. Text: Luke 12:49-53
- B. In this passage of Luke, Jesus is quick to point out that his purpose is going to occasion _____ events.
- C. The road leading to the _____ of the world is often hard and painful. Not everything about doing God's will is easy and simple. We would like to think that it is. Following the encounter with the Rich Young Man in Matt. 19, Jesus says in vs. 23, "only with _____ will a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven."
- D. *The sanctification of man involves.....*

I. _____

- A. He came to cast _____ upon the earth.
- B. He wishes that it was already _____.
- C. Today, I wish that _____ was lit in us.
 - 1. First, so that we would _____ ourselves. This is going to be difficult. We are going to have to let go of things that we love. Stop doing things that we desire that are not good for us. In many cases we have become _____ to sin and need to have a spiritual _____.
 - 2. Second, we are going to have to light this fire in the _____. I can tell you that there is going to be _____. People are going to hate us for this. Men love the _____ (John 3:19) and they are going to _____ when exposed to the _____. We are going to be called _____. But our Father calls us _____.

II. _____

- A. This baptism that he was speaking of was the _____.
- B. He says about this baptism, "and how I am _____ until it is accomplished. The Greek word is 'sunecho' and means: afflict, pressed, preoccupy, taken with. As if to say pressed on every side with _____.
- C. He had to live every day knowing what his _____ was. He was the example of what it means to serve God under _____.

III. _____

- A. There are going to be some relationships that get _____.
- B. There is going to be a lot of _____ associated with this.
- C. Boles writes, "the purifying process of the truth of God would occasion division among those bound by the _____."
- D. The teachings of Jesus have caused divisions in many homes, communities and nations.

Conclusion: The sanctification of man is not always easy, but "to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, _____." (Rom. 2:7). Light the fire today.