



# Welcome to Citywide Christ Church

**Demonstrating God's love through  
Actions, Word and Hospitality**

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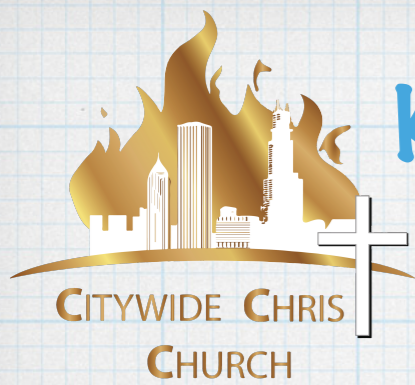
- God's Presence in the Sanctuary
- To all our visitors and church members

## In House Announcements

- Happy Birthday People Born in December
- Ending of CCC Prayer and fasting (Ephesians 5: 15-16) - Thanks for those who join us.
- CCC AGM (December 29, 2019)
- CCC New Year's Eve Dinner (Pot Luck)



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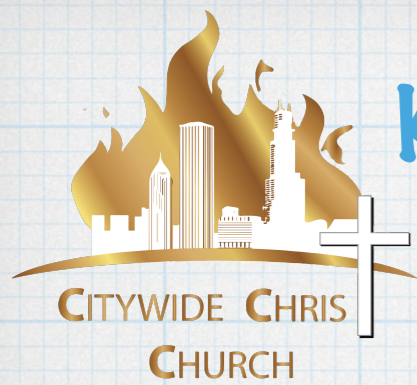


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## Scripture

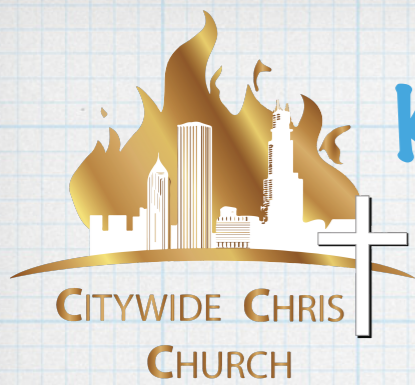
***Deuteronomy 8: 3 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.***



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*Fire has been regarded as an instrument of service to man. (Gen. 18:6)*

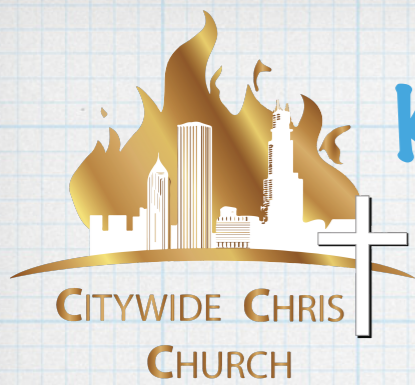


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*Fire is regarded as an instrument of destruction by man*

*Joshua 6:24 - But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire.*

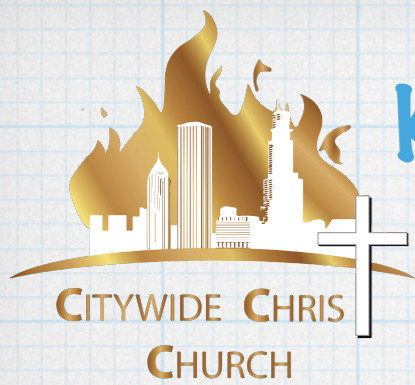


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God's wrath conditions man for better use. His wrath is poured out like fire



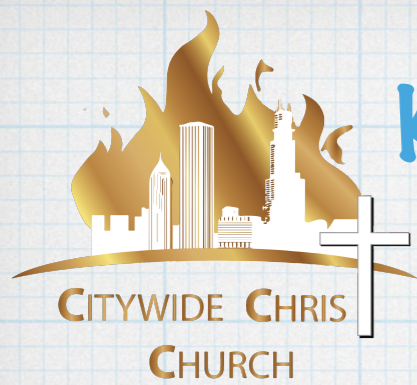
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***Nahum 1:6*** - *Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.*





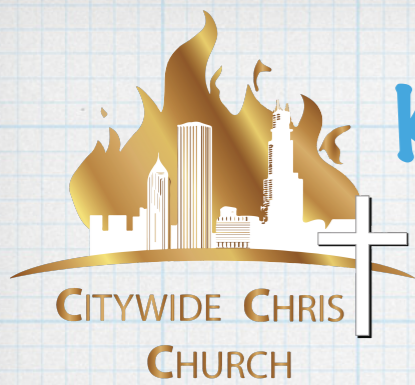
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## **Abraham making sacrifice**

***Genesis 15: 17*** - *And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.*



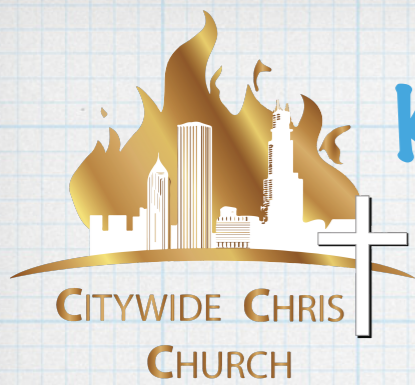
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**Fire was an emblem of divine presence to Moses in the burning bush**

***Exodus 3: 2b - So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.***



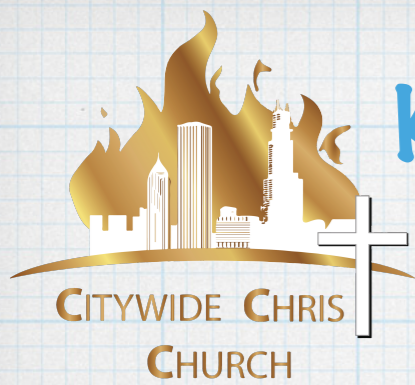
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**Elijah called down fire to consume two continents of soldiers**

**2 kings 1: 910** - *Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!' " So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.*



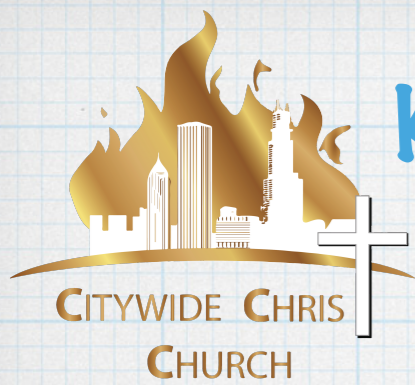
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**There are singular instances of divine fire consuming sacrifices offered by Aaron**

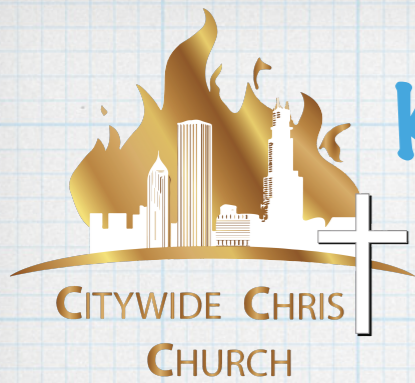
***Leviticus 9:24-and fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.***



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*Question:* *How do we keep the fire of our prayer life burning?*

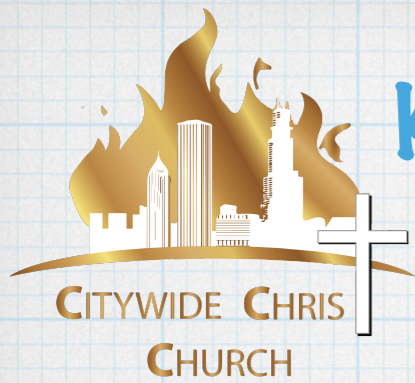


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## ***1. PURPOSE: Is there a need for God in your life?***

***John 15: 5 - I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.***

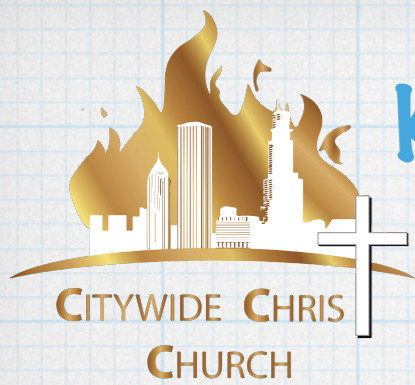


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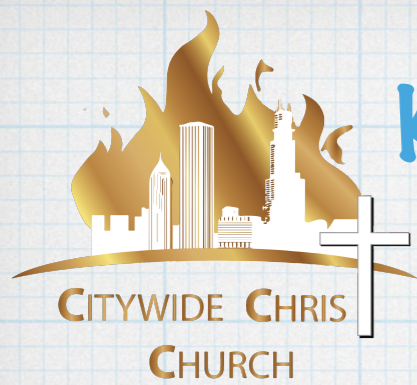
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## **2. MOTIVATION: *Are you hungry for God?***

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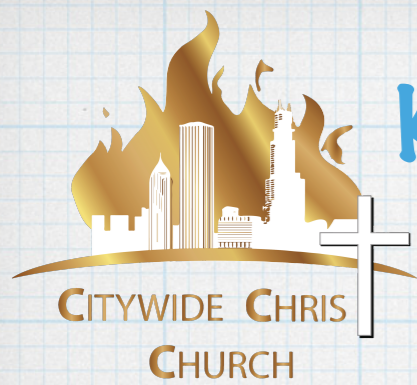
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## **3. PLACE: *Do you have a fire place in your life?***

***Luke 5:16 - But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.***

***Mark 1: 35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.***



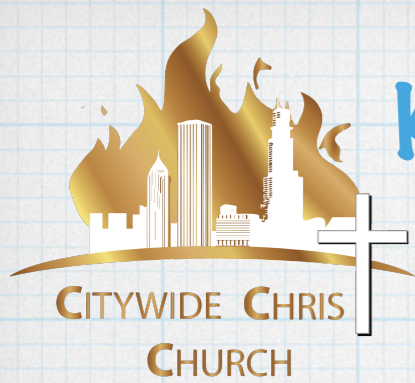
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## **4. WOOD: *How is the condition of your wood?***

*Proverbs 27:17 - "Iron sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another"*

*Psalms 51:10 David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me."*

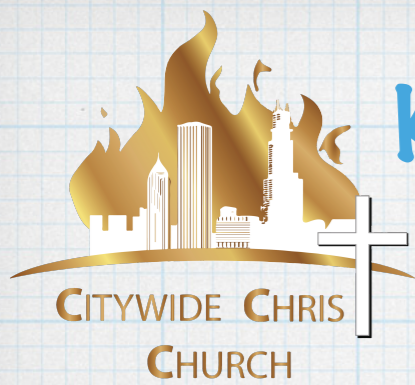


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## **5. MATCHES: *Do we have faith in God?***

***1 Kings 18 : 38 - Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.***

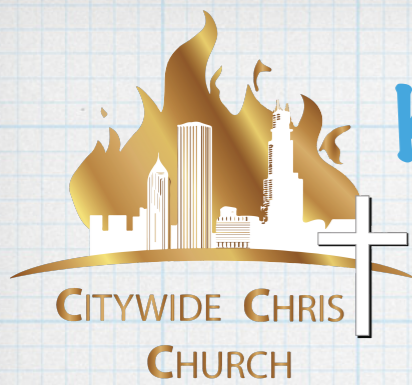


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## **6. WIND: *Do you know that you cannot start a fire if no wind sustains that fire?***

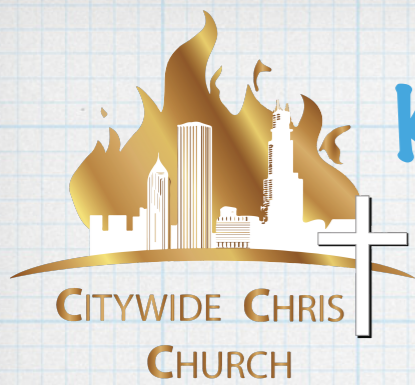
***Acts 2: 1-4*** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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### 7. **CONTINUATION** : *Don't start a fire that you cannot maintain.*

**Luke 9: 51-56** - *A Samaritan village rejects the saviour - Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.*



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***1 Thessalonians 1: 7 - This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.***



## Prayer:

1. **Purpose:** Need of knowing God in your life “without Him we can do nothing”
2. **Motivation:** Depending on God (craving for His glory, protection, power, etc.)
3. **Place:** Have a habit - *Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer*
4. **Wood:** Keep your heart warm - renewing of your mind with the mind of Christ
5. **Matches:** Having faith by keeping Christ in crises
6. **Wind:** Position yourself where the wind (Holy Spirit) will vent in your prayer life
7. **Continuation:** Self-control or discipline is the key to mature in your Christian life