

Message Notes to
“TENDING THE FLAME”
One in a series of messages entitled
THE SECRET
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(Leviticus 6:8-13)

⁸ The LORD said to Moses: ⁹ “Give Aaron and his sons this command: ‘These are the regulations for the burnt offering: The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar. ¹⁰ The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar. ¹¹ Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. ¹² The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. ¹³ The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out. (Leviticus 6:8-13)

In our world today there are many dangers which, if left unchecked, can extinguish the fire of our devotion to God:

1. The danger of EXHAUSTION.

“This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength . . .’ ” (Isaiah 30:15a)

2. The danger of NEGLECT.

“I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.” (Psalm 119:16)

3. The danger of COMPROMISE.

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (Matthew 16:26)