



the works of man will be tested by the measuring rod of obedience to the Word of God. All works generated by spiritual pride and self-serving religion will be measured by the testing fire of God's word. They will be measured against Christ Himself and if they are not a revelation of Him, they will suffer loss.

### **1 Peter 1:7**

*7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

### **1 Corinthians 3:11-13**

*11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

Scripture tells us that Christ is the Word of God and that His Word is a type of consuming spiritual fire. His commands, if obeyed will consume our sin nature or put our flesh to death by consuming it or burning it up. This is the sacrifice of true worship.

### **John 1:1, 14**

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### **John 8:47**

*47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

### **John 8:31**

*31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

### **1 Peter 1:22**

*22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth (the Word of God) through the Spirit*

### **1 John 2:5**

*5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*

### **Matthew 3:11-12**

*11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the*

*Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

### **Mark 9:49**

*49 "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.*

### **Hebrews 1:7**

*7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."*

### **Hebrews 12:29**

*29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

It is this fire of God's Word that will test every man. It will be our measuring rod; the standard of God. It is the Word of Christ that the Father uses to test and measure His sons and daughters. If what we have said and done can be accounted worthy, to be the type of building material that will build or advance the kingdom of God, it will only be by obedience to the Word of God. It is Christ revealed, made manifest in and through the obedient life, the crucified life of each believer. All Christianity will be measured up against Christ. Has the work been done in selflessness, as Christ worked selflessly for the Father's will, or was it motivated

and accomplished only for the ash heap of selfish gain and religious pride?

### **Jeremiah 5:14**

*14 Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: "Because you speak this word,*

*Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them.*

### **Jeremiah 23:29**

*29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"*

### **John 12:48**

*48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, (believe and obey) has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*