

HOT STUFF

#8: Godfire not Hellfire

Hebrews 12:29

It's been the hottest Kansas summer in memory. If this sermon series is to blame, the good news is that it ends today! In our previous episodes, we've visited five hot Old Testament stories -- Sodom, Shadrach/Meshach, Nadab & Abihu, Mt. Carmel, & the Burning Bush. Then, two NT "fires" -- the judgment seat of Christ and the tongue. This morning we close with a look at the 3 fires in Hebrews, and how they explain the burning pain that some of our Christian friends feel.

1. God puts on the burner: *Hebrews 6:7-8*
unp_____ believers.

Path to the cool life: *Get moving, produce fruit. 5:11-6:1*

2. God puts on the burner: *Hebrews 10:26-27*
wi_____ believers.

Path to the cool life: *Stop drifting, stay close. 10:19-25*

3. God puts on the burner: *Hebrews 12:28-29*
re_____ believers.

Path to the cool life: *Listen to God, worship God, obey God.*

We are not merely imperfect creatures who must be improved: we are...rebels who must lay down our arms. The first answer, then, to the question why our cure should be painful, is that to render back the will which we have so long claimed for our own, is in itself...a grievous pain.

C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*, ch. 3