

PASSION CITY CHURCH

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Study Guide

# Desperate - All Consuming Fire

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## Major Points

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- 1 Wanting God must become a constant posture of the heart woven into every moment, not something reserved for special services or prayer events.**  
*1 Kings 18:21*
- 2 When God comes in His glory, everything that is not God is consumed — His fire does not politely negotiate for space at our table.**  
*1 Kings 18:38-39*
- 3 To want God requires a definitive choice — we must stop wavering (limping) between devotion to God and dependence on idols.**  
*1 Kings 18:21*
- 4 Faith means being all in with no plan B, putting everything on the altar and doubling down on consecration just as Elijah soaked the sacrifice three times.**  
*1 Kings 18:33-35*
- 5 God has always been all in — the Hebrew word 'pasakh' connects Elijah's challenge on Carmel to God's decisive Passover, pointing ultimately to Christ as the final sacrifice.**  
*Exodus 12:13*

## Key Quotes

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- “What we need to do is to put a desire for God in all the things that are already in our flow.”*  
at 0:36
- “When God comes, everything that is not God is consumed in the light of His glory.”*  
at 2:03
- “God does not move into situations that go, okay, yeah, can I just get a little edge on the table there? Hey, how's everybody? Now, he comes in in his glory and he says, I'm not sharing my glory with anybody.”*  
at 7:13
- “He said, no, do it again. Everybody see that? Do it again. Everybody see that? Do it again.”*  
at 21:49
- “If God doesn't come through, there is no coming through. If God isn't a promise keeper, then I am out on a limb with no net.”*  
at 24:06
- “I believe we're in a moment where God's fire will fall. And where the only thing that's gonna remain is a refined church that was meant to hold the fire in the first place.”*  
at 31:24

## Discussion Questions

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1. Pastor Giglio says wanting God is not about adding something new to your schedule but putting a desire for God in everything already in your flow. What practical difference would it make if you began each activity tomorrow — the gym, a meeting, the commute — with the prayer 'God, I want You'?  
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2. Pastor Giglio describes Elijah as 'a man like us' with skin, bones, and flesh. How does knowing Elijah was an ordinary person change your expectations about what God might do through your own availability?  
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3. Pastor Giglio explains that the Hebrew word for 'waver' also means 'to limp.' In what area of your life are you currently limping between devotion to God and dependence on something else, and what would it look like to stop wavering?  
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4. Pastor Giglio warns that we are in a 'precious and precarious moment' that could easily be lost to distraction. What headlines, controversies, or cultural noise most tempt you to lose spiritual focus, and how can you guard against that?  
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5. Pastor Giglio uses the image of a chimney standing after a house burns down to describe the church's purpose. What does it mean for the church to be 'built to hold the fire,' and how should that shape the way we approach corporate worship and prayer?  
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## Word Studies

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**pasakh**

*Hebrew*

To pass over, to skip, to limp. Used in 1 Kings 18:21 for 'wavering' between two opinions, in 1 Kings 18:26 for the prophets of Baal 'dancing' (limping) around their altar, and in Exodus 12:13 for the Lord 'passing over' the homes marked with blood. The theological range of this single word connects Israel's indecision, pagan futility, and God's decisive act of salvation.

*Usage: 7 times in the Old Testament (Exod. 12:13, 12:23, 12:27; 2 Sam. 4:4; 1 Kings 18:21, 18:26; Isa. 31:5)*

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**esh**

*Hebrew*

Fire. In Scripture, fire frequently represents the manifest presence and holiness of God — from the burning bush (Exod. 3:2) to the pillar of fire (Exod. 13:21) to the fire on Carmel (1 Kings 18:38). Fire both reveals God's glory and consumes what is impure.

*Usage: 376 times in the Old Testament (e.g., Gen. 19:24, Exod. 3:2, Lev. 9:24, 1 Kings 18:38, Isa. 6:6)*

שְׂאֵרִית

**she'erith**

*Hebrew*

Remnant, remainder, residue. Refers to the faithful minority preserved by God within a larger unfaithful community. God's promise to Elijah of 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal (1 Kings 19:18) is a foundational remnant text, picked up by Paul in Romans 11:4-5 to describe God's faithful people in every generation.

*Usage: 66 times in the Old Testament (e.g., Gen. 45:7, 1 Kings 19:18, Isa. 10:21, Mic. 2:12, Zeph. 3:13)*

## Cross References

### Hebrews 12:29

The writer of Hebrews declares 'our God is a consuming fire,' directly echoing the theology of Mount Carmel — God's holiness consumes everything that is not aligned with His nature.

### Revelation 3:15-16

Christ rebukes the church at Laodicea for being 'neither hot nor cold,' paralleling Elijah's challenge to Israel to stop wavering and make a decisive choice for God.

### Romans 11:4-5

Paul quotes God's response to Elijah about the 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal, applying it to his own day: 'So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.'

### Matthew 6:24

Jesus teaches that no one can serve two masters, reinforcing Elijah's either/or demand on Carmel — divided loyalty is functionally no loyalty at all.

### Malachi 3:2-3

Malachi asks 'who can endure the day of his coming?' and describes the Lord as a refiner's fire who purifies His people — connecting to the sermon's image of fire that consumes everything except what was built to hold it.

## Further Reading

- **Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**  
*by Louie Giglio*
- **The Knowledge of the Holy**  
*by A.W. Tozer*
- **Revival: God's Way**  
*by Leonard Ravenhill*

## Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
1 Kings 18:17-24	Read Aloud	6:00	When he saw Elijah, he said to him, 'Is that you, ...
1 Kings 18:26-29	Read Aloud	14:00	So they took the bull given them and prepared it. ...
Psalms 115:1-8	Read Aloud	16:00	Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the...
1 Kings 18:30-39	Read Aloud	21:00	Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come here to ...
James 5:17	Referenced	28:00	Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He praye...
Exodus 12:13	Referenced	38:00	The blood will be a sign for you on the houses whe...