

## Thursday May 15th - Consuming fire

*Today's reflections are by Helena Wilkinson*

*In his wrath the LORD will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them. Psalm 21:9*

Perhaps you struggle with God's wrath because you have come to know Him as a God of love and it's hard to reconcile a loving God with anger. We need to remember that His wrath is very different from ours. When we are angry it is rarely wholly righteous and justified. There's a lot of 'self focus' in our anger: feeling 'life's not fair' or thinking 'how dare he/she'.

God's wrath is holy, always justified and is directed at that which does not honour His Name. His wrath consumes like fiery flames because His holiness cannot tolerate impurity. Think about it another way. God will 'swallow up' all that isn't right. Most of us don't have enemies, as in people plotting against us, wanting to take our lives and destroy our kingdoms as David did, but we do have enemies of our souls. There are many things that rob us of relationship with God and which steal His place in our hearts.

Can you spend time bringing to mind anything in your life which is not godly or which has become more important than God? 1 John 1:9 says, 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness'. The Blood of Jesus has paid the price for our wrongdoing. What an awesome God we serve.

*Lord, show me anything in my life that does not please You, that I may put it right. Amen.*