

Does Zeal Consume You?

(John 2:12-23)

- Introduction:
1. The house of God had been left in ruins (Haggai 1:4-5).
 2. In John 2, the house of God is being abused.
 3. This led to Jesus' cleansing of the temple.
 4. It's hard for some people to imagine Jesus getting angry and cleansing the temple as he did.
 5. However, Jesus was merely demonstrating the zeal he had for the house of God.
 6. (Psalm 69:9) David prophesied that Jesus would be consumed with zeal.
 7. Are we consumed with zeal for the house of God today?

I. Are You Consumed With Zeal For The Church Of Jesus?

- A. (Ephesians 3:10-11) The Church is the wisdom of God.
- B. Are you a critic or a supporter of the church?
- C. When is the last time you prayed for the church?
- D. (Acts 28:20) Jesus shed his blood for the church.
- E. Are you consumed with zeal for the church of Christ?

II. Are You Consumed With Zeal For The Doctrine Of Jesus?

- A. (Mark 8:38; Romans 1:16) We cannot be ashamed of the doctrine of Jesus.
- B. (1 Timothy 4:16) It is only by continuing in the doctrine of Christ that we can be saved.
- C. The doctrine of Christ is being challenged today.
 1. The worship of the church.
 2. The organization of the church.
 3. Moral standards of God's people.
- D. Let us demand more than a watered down gospel.
- E. Have you supported the doctrine of Christ, and those who proclaim it?
- F. Are you consumed with the doctrine of Jesus?

III. Are You Consumed With Zeal For The Mission Of Jesus?

- A. (Luke 19:10) Came to seek and save the lost.
- B. (Matthew 28:19-20) Make disciples of all nations.
- C. (Luke 14:16-24) Compel them to come in.
- D. Are you grieved by lost souls (Romans 9:2-3)?
- E. When is the last time you prayed for a lost soul?
- F. Are you consumed with the mission of Jesus?

- Conclusion:
1. Lest you think zeal was appropriate in the life of Jesus but not in our own life, remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 22:36-38.
 2. Let's make sure we are "awake" and "alert," and be about the business of God.
 3. Life is fragile, time is short, and eternity is long.