

Daily Devotional, February 13, 2021

“Zeal”, (John 2:17, NKJV)

“Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.” (John 2:17)

The context of this verse is that of Jesus’ first cleansing of the temple. It always offends Him when irreverent behavior or activity goes on in the house of worship, because those things serve as a distraction to those who come to truly worship the Father and seek His face. When the temple was cleansed, Jesus’ actions called to the minds of the disciples the words of **Psalm 69:9**, from a Messianic Psalm, which are quoted in our text.

“Zeal” is an intense and powerful emotion. “Zeal” for the things of the Lord is a wonderful thing to experience and see. I wish that there would be more of it amongst God’s people. As I write this, we prepare for next week’s evangelism conference, and there is a large percentage of our church folks that are looking forward to this with great excitement. “Zeal” for souls being won for kingdom of God is the chief indicator of the health of any church. When Christians “**look at the fields, already white for harvest**” (John 4:35), and will overturn every table in order to minister to the lost, there is well placed “zeal” indeed. “Zeal” focused on one’s discipline to be an obedient disciple of Jesus Christ is another positive thing. Such “zeal” for holiness and hatred of sin is the root of personal revival for the one already saved. Sunday morning, we will arise from our sleep, and may we be ready to praise “**our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works**” (Titus 2:13-14)!