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- “Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise! 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”

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- Psalm 69:8-9 - “I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children; 9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.”
- Zelos - “heat, ardor, fervent mind, indignation” (Strong's)

# “Zeal for Your House”

- Are we consumed with zeal for the house of God today?
- Do we have time for services honoring Jesus who worked with God from before the beginning for our salvation?
- Do we have anything significant to give to the One who without reservation gave His life for us?
- Do we really believe? I don't mean, Do we go to the church building three times each week.
- Worship is not a duty; it is a privilege. If we treat worship lightly; we disrespect God Who is the object of our worship.

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Lord's Church?

- The church is the wisdom of God.
  - Eph. 3:10-11 - “To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord”

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Lord's Church?

- Jesus paid for the church using His lifeblood as currency.
  - Acts 20:28 - “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”
- Are you a critic or a supporter of the church?
- When was the last time you prayed for the church?

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Doctrine Of Christ?

- We cannot be embarrassed by any tenet of the doctrine of Christ.
  - Mark 8:38 - “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels”

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Doctrine Of Christ?

- It is only by means of the doctrine of Christ that we can be saved
  - 1Tim. 4:16 - “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Doctrine Of Christ?

- The doctrine of Christ is being challenged today
  - By those who want to do new, unauthorized things
  - By those who want to turn old methods into doctrine
  - By those who want to keep fighting the old battles instead of the present enemy
  - By those who are convinced that they have full knowledge of the doctrine of Christ

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Doctrine Of Christ?

- Do we support the doctrine of Christ and those who proclaim it?
  - Titus 2:1 - “But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine”
  - 1Tim. 6:3-4 - “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing...”

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- Do we support the doctrine of Christ and those who proclaim it?
  - 2John 9-11 - “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Work Of Christ?

- Luke 19:10 - Came to seek and save the lost.
- Matt. 28:19-20 - Make disciples of all nations.
- Luke 14:16-24 - Compel them to come in.

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Work Of Christ?

- Are we grieved by lost souls
  - Rom. 9:2-3 - “That I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh”
- When is the last time you prayed for a lost soul?

# Are We Consumed With Zeal For The Work Of Christ?

- Do you understand that Jesus' primary mission in this world was to save souls?
- He saved us to become fishers of men, not keepers of the aquarium!

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- Lest we think zeal was appropriate in the life of Jesus but not necessary in our own lives, remember the words of Jesus
  - Matt. 22:36-38 - “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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- Let's wake up from our slumber and be about the business of God
- Psalm 132:1-5 - “LORD, remember David And all his afflictions; 2 How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 3 Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
- Life is very fragile, time is passing quickly, and eternity is so long.