1. What is the zeal of the Lord and why does it matter? John 2:13-22 Psalm 69:6-29 Isaiah 37:30-32 Isaiah 63:15

2. What is the Zeal?Numbers 25:10 (Phineas)2 Kings 10:16 (Jehu)

Used 17 times in the New Testament – both positively and negatively

Zealous translated as jealous or fury or rage (i.e. negative): Acts 5:17 Acts 13:45 Romans 13:13

1 Corinthians 3:3 2 Corinthians 12:20 Galatians 5:20 James 3:14 & 16

Zealous for God without understanding it fully:

Romans 10:2

It is used in connection with judgment: Hebrews 10:27

It is used in connection with a passion that flows from repentance and humility: 2 Corinthians 7:7 & 11 2 Corinthians 9:2

The apostle Paul uses it relation to himself:

2 Corinthians 11:2Philippians 3:6Colossians 4:13

3. What is the Zeal OF THE LORD? Exodus 20:5 Exodus 34:14 Deuteronomy 4:24 Joshua 24:19

4. The Zeal of the Lord is about:

I. Passion.

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II. Intentionality – stay focussed on God, His honour and His glory, His Name.

4. The Zeal of the Lord is about:

III. Fervour – your energy, not being half hearted, but being passionate.

4. The Zeal of the Lord is about:

IV. A profound sense of seriousness and undivided commitment.

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V. A deep awareness of the beauty of God; It's a deep desire to the honour the Name of God and the sacredness of his Son. It is a soul commitment that sees the Lord Jesus above everything.

12th November 1914, Charles Spurgeon's sermon (Number 3242) was published. He said 'the Zeal of God burned at Calvary, there is no place that we see God's Zeal more clearly than at Calvary;

as His Son dies, and sin is born, as shame is broken, as death is defeated as the evil one is toppled, as kingdoms shake, as the very creation shudders, and the light begins to fade, God's Zeal holds Christ on the cross'.

In the same sermon (in 1914) Spurgeon said 'Jesus Christ at this moment is dishonoured everywhere' this could also be said today.....

Isaiah 59:17-20 – we read of God's great honour and His profound displeasure at sin in the world

The Zeal of the Lord is connected to Salvation, Hope, Rescue and Prayer, from Isaiah 37, Isaiah 63 and Psalm 69 – we see God's Zeal rising in salvation, it rises in hope, it rises in prayer and it rises for the remnant of His people.

God is zealous about salvation; about giving us hope; about seeking His face; about our rescue; and God calls us to zealous for others because of a deep longing for God's Name to be honoured.

How do we respond to the Zeal of the Lord?

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5. A deep awareness of the beauty of God; the honour of God's Name; and the sacredness of God's Son. It is a soul commitment to the cause of Christ that sees the Lord Jesus placed above everything.

2. What are the implications of the Zeal of the Lord for you?

I. The Zeal of the Lord means that we might be considered fanatics – are we willing to bear this ridicule?

2. What are the implications of the Zeal of the Lord for you?

II. The Zeal of the Lord means that increasingly we will be at odds with our culture around us – and we need to make decisions about what we say & how we say it and about how we love – are we ready?

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III. The Zeal of the Lord will create in us a growing, burning desire for us to stand up and speak out – are we sensing that?

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IV. The Zeal of the Lord will also be misunderstood by many other believers and we'll be seen as unbalanced and unnecessary – we will be seen as 'hindering' a Gospel that has lost its edge and is denuded of its power.

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V. The Zeal of the Lord is for the Kingdom – not for one denomination or stream – we are building God's Kingdom, not our own empires.

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" If we think that God's revival purposes and plans revolve around us then we have a zeal for our own glory, not for God's."

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VI. The Zeal of the Lord will force us to reprioritise our lives and our ministries.

2. What are the implications of the Zeal of the Lord for you?

VII. I am convinced that teaching and preaching about the glory of the Lord and the second coming, and calling people to repentance and to salvation are direct consequences of the Zeal of the Lord.

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VIII. The Zeal of then Lord calls us to pray.

2. What are the implications of the Zeal of the Lord for you?

IX. The Zeal of the Lord means that we cannot sit back while the poor are oppressed and evil impacts the world.

2. What are the implications of the Zeal of the Lord for you?

X. Above all, the Zeal of the Lord calls us to lay down everything and to reimagine our lives for the glory and for the Honour of God.

Is God calling us to a new awakening of repentance and holiness for His Name? Is God calling us to awake from our slumber? Is God calling us away from the cult of celebrity?

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