

Section III, Part XIV: Devotion/Zeal

Summary: A true, biblical zeal is motivated by God's great love and character, by His glory. This provokes us as it did Jesus: to live and fight for God. May we be true men, who are passionate for Jesus.

- I. **Jesus is zealous for God and that which relates to Him/affects His glory**
 - a. John 2:13-17, Psalms 69:8-9 – *Jesus' zeal for God provoked Him to take action*
 - i. Malachi 3:1-4 – *Purification/cleansing for the purpose of righteous offerings to God*
 - ii. Matthew 21:12-17 – *The second time*
 1. Psalms 71:7 – *Compare with Psalms 69*
- II. **An unbiblical zeal results inhibits/fights against God**
 - a. Acts 5:17-18 – *The negative results of human/fleshly zeal*
 - i. Romans 10:2
- III. **We are encouraged to be zealous/passionate for God**
 - a. Romans 12:11 – *We must always be boiling; always putting fuel into the fire*
 - b. We must have a zeal to fight spiritual battles, and to help our brethren.
 - i. C.f., Numbers 32:1-7 – *Notice the bad attitude of Reuben and Gad*
 1. Deuteronomy 20:8 – *Lack of zeal/fear is not good*
- IV. **2 Corinthians 5:14 – The Love of Jesus constrains us**
 - a. It is the love, the glory, the character of Jesus which motivates us and gives us/makes us passionate.



Video: Outline Pt I-IV

Section III Part XIV, Questions

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1. What is true, biblical zeal?
2. How does a true devotion to God affect our lives? Our righteous deeds?
3. How can you create and maintain zeal/passion for Jesus?
4. What are the side effects of a lack of zeal/passion/devotion?

