

## Salt n Light Reflections

### #22

What Does it mean to keep your Zeal for YAHUVEH GOD?

Bible Study from Podcast Episode # 22. Read the below information and answer the Bible Study Questions, and the Assignments below) Feel free to listen to the episode as well).

**Zeal:** Zeal, in the biblical sense, refers to a fervent intensity or passion directed toward a cause, person, or principle. The original terms—"qana" in Hebrew and "zelos" in Greek—communicate a sense of vigorous dedication that can be either positive or negative, depending on the object of one's devotion. Scripture highlights zeal as an important element of faith, depicting it as a heartfelt commitment meant to honor and serve.

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#### Devotion: Topical Encyclopedia(biblehub.com)

Devotion, in the biblical context, refers to a profound dedication and commitment to GOD, characterized by love, loyalty, and obedience. It encompasses both personal and communal aspects of worship, prayer, and service, reflecting a heart wholly given to GOD. The concept of devotion is woven throughout Scripture, illustrating the relationship between GOD and His people.

#### Dedication: Topical Encyclopedia

##### Definition and General Overview:(Biblehub.com)

Dedication, in a biblical context, refers to the act of setting apart a person, place, or object for a sacred purpose. This concept is deeply rooted in the Old and New Testaments, where dedication signifies a commitment to God and His service. It involves consecration, sanctification, and often a public

declaration of devotion.

Having zeal for YAHUVEH GOD for YAHUSHUA, is being loyal to THEM, and also has to do with our commitment, and motivation to confront spiritual corruption and call people back to devotion to YAHUVEH GOD. Zeal has a lot to do with keeping our devotion to HIM. It is keeping the Fire burning for HIM. You will hear some people say They have Fire for YAHUVEH GOD.

YAHUVEH GOD has zeal, for HIS Purposes, and establishing justice, upholding truth and bringing salvation. We read in Isaiah 9:7 it says "Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

GOD's zeal is an expression of both His holiness and HIS unwavering faithfulness.

In the New Testament, we see that Zeal is linked with service, love and purity. In John 2:17 it says "His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

YAHUSHUAS passion for cleansing of the temple reveals the importance of preserving the sacredness of worship. The Apostle Paul He mentions in Romans 12:11, " Do not let your zeal subside, keep your spiritual fervor, serving the LORD".

*So far we are seeing that Zeal is :*

- 1.Serving the LORD
- 2.Keeping HIS commandments
- 3.Worship to YAH
4. Continue to renew our minds with the Word of YAH.
- 5.Loyalty, Faithfulness
- 6.Keeping Pure
- 7.Dedication & Devotion

All of these things are crucial to keep and to have as believers. We don't want to let that fire burn out. We must continue to keep in YAHUVEH GOD's Word, by renewing our minds, and standing on HIS truth, speaking it, and claiming the promises HE has for each of HIS children. If we say we love YAHUVEH GOD, we love YAHUSHUA JESUS, we need to make sure we are obeying HIM, in everything that HE wants us to do. Even if it doesn't make sense in the moment.) We obey because we Love HIM.

HE expects us to live Holy, talk Holy, Think Holy. We are to grow more in this, and get rid of anything that is unholy in our lives. Worship and praise is so important, and HE loves it when we do this everyday. Thanking HIM for everything and continuing to show our Love to HIM by praising and singing songs of praise to HIM. Dedicated to Serving and doing the works HE has called us to do. Devotion, to sharing the gospel, sharing the word and doing the works HE has called you to do. It keeping our lamps lit, keeping oil in our lamps. We should always have that desire to please HIM to do HIS will, and lay down what we want, but seek what HE wants in our lives.

Zeal must be anchored in GODLY Wisdom. Paul talks about this in Romans 10:2" For I testify about them that they are zealous for YAH, but not on the basis of knowledge." Passions alone that are not from the truth of scripture can lead believers astray. Passion must be with discernment and rooted in revelation of Scripture of the Word.

In James 1:19-20 it says " Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger for mans anger does not bring about the righteousness that YAH desires." this verse even though it doesn't mention Zeal, it talks about the importance of directing fervor through, thinking, reflecting and measured action, ensuring that devotion aligns with YAH'S Character.

We see in Titus 2:14, believers are described as "eager to do good works" In peter 3:13-14, believers who conduct themselves zealously for righteousness, for holiness, need not fear the threats of persecution. We can see here once again that Zeal is serving passionately and facing challenges without wavering in our faith, this is what is so important in our walk with YAH every day, is keeping firm in our Faith. Serving YAH and others and keeping that passion that devotion to YAH in acts of, obedience and worship.

We want to dedicate ourselves to YAHUVEH GOD, as believers our life's are not our own. We are to do the works HE has called us to do for HIS honor and glory. True zeal is committing ourselves wholeheartedly to YAH'S ways. It is continually growing and being transformed into HIS liking, growing in the Fruits of the SPIRIT, laying down our flesh, walking by the SPIRIT, and obeying HIS Word.

Zeal is unwavering love for YAHUVEH GOD. Obeying HIS Commandments, and service to others. We also learn spiritual disciplines, and it truly inspires us to be compassionate. Another important thing with Zeal, is holding one another accountable in love. Iron sharpens Iron ( ) and we want to help each other build each other up, in encouragement, correction. We also want to be in prayer for each other.

We want to Honor GOD, and keeping our Zeal alive keeping that fire burning for HIM, we are able to honor HIM, Guard HIS truth, and be faithful, by walking by faith in obedience to HIS Word. Our Heart should be aligned with the Word of YAH, reflecting HIS holiness, compassion and commitment to holiness. Zeal Glorifies YAHUVEH GOD, YAHUSHUA (JESUS). It is what fuels our love for HIM, and service to others and spread the Good News of HIS Word the Bible.

IT is vital for diligent prayer, passionate worship, and being pleasing to YAH.

I want to lastly emphasize the importance of, Zeal must be grounded in the truth of YAH'S word. We want our Zeal to aligns with YAH'S Will.

*Some Verses on Zeal:*

**Romans 12:11** ESV

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

**Revelation 3:19** ESV

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

**Titus 2:14** ESV

Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works

**Romans 10:2** ESV

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for GOD, but not according to knowledge.

**John 2:17** ESV

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

**Isaiah 59:17** ESV

He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

**Psalms 119:139** ESV My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

**2 Corinthians 7:11** ESV

For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what

zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

**Acts 21:20** ESV

And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,

**Bible Study Questions:**

1. How can Zeal help us in our Daily Walk with YAHUVEH GOD, with YAHUSHUA JESUS?
2. What are some things you can apply to your life to keep that zeal for HIM?
3. What is something you have learned in this, that has spoken to you individually?
4. Zeal is \_\_\_\_\_ love for HIM.
- 5.. What themes are within this that relate and is in connection to Zeal?
6. How does being devoted to YAHUVEH GOD to YAHUSHUA (JESUS) help you draw closer to HIM?
7. How does keeping your Zeal help you, grow in Holiness and the Fruits of the SPIRIT?
8. What speaks to you the most about how Zeal can help your Faith?
9. Zeal must be rooted in what?
10. What verse is your favorite on Zeal?

**Assignments:**

- **1. Assignment: Choose a passage that discusses zeal (e.g., Romans 12:11, Galatians 4:18).**
- **Task: Write a short reflection on what zeal means in the context of the passage and how it applies to personal faith.**

## **2. Discussion with others:**

- ***What motivates your zeal for GOD?***
- ***How can zeal be balanced with wisdom and discernment?***
- **Assignment: Research a historical figure known for their zeal in faith (e.g., C.H. Spurgeon).**
- **Task: Present findings on how their zeal impacted their ministry and the church at large**