

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“Zeal for Your House”

Psalms 69:9

APRIL 29 – MAY 5, 2007

THE LORD'S DAY –This week as we approach The Lord's Table we want to take our time in the Scripture to focus on a very necessary, important, and sadly lacking quality in professing Christendom—“zeal for God and His house”. We have been using this First Lord's Day to speak on the Sacrament of Communion for the past several months and I think you will see this study dovetails nicely with the proper understanding that we are called to come to The Table with. Read **Psalms 69:9**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week.

MONDAY –There is so much that could be said on this topic yet for our study we are going to just briefly touch on some things that I hope to expound further this Lord's Day. In **Psalms 69** David is lamenting the dishonor & lack of devotion that was being showed to God. Many people were professing to love God, yet their behavior did not measure up to their claim. Not much has changed in several thousand years. David wasn't a perfect man; as a matter of fact he was very aware, ashamed and broken over his sinfulness. That is one reason he was such a mighty man of God. Read some of his prayers for examination in **Psalms 26:1-3, 139:23-24**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to examine your heart and to search out any sin that is in you that would rob Him of His glory in your life.

TUESDAY –In **Psalms 69** David spoke of a zeal for “your house”. We understand that God is not bound to a house, building, temple, church, etc... He “sits above the circle of the earth” yet the Psalmist makes a point that God has ordained a public, corporate worship of Himself by those who

<i>Praise & Prayer</i>	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
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would come together as His people for that purpose. Jesus reinforced this in **John 2:17** when He cleansed the Temple. Our Lord God can and should be worshipped by us at all times in both what we say and think as well as how we live. Yet as we will see the next several days a love for “His house” and a desire to see Him glorified above all things is something that ought to consume us. Read this passage which speaks of God living above any earthly structure and notice His righteous judgment on His creatures. **Psalms 11:4-7**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *Thank You God that You're bigger than any earthly “house”. Help me to love and obey, understanding that You “test” us as men.*

WEDNESDAY –Today I want to start to draw our attention to exactly what “zeal for Your house” looks like. The Hebrew word here translated “zeal” is qin’ah which literally means ardour, zeal, jealousy. This word is used to describe the jealous disposition of a husband over his wife referring to sexual passion. This is no empty and trivial “filler” word. The Psalmist and later Christ said they were jealous for “Your house”. Consumed with a Godly jealousy for the Glory of God and a true love of God both David and Jesus had many enemies. I am sure like many people today; they thought these men were “taking this God and His glory thing a little too seriously”. The man who is not jealous for God and His house will always have a skewed eye toward those who are. Read **John 2:13-17, 4:21-24**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *O God forgive my sin of apathy toward You and Your worship. Help me to be a jealous lover of You and Your glory in all the earth.*

THURSDAY –As I said earlier in the week, David was not a perfect man. He was a sinner saved by grace like us as believers. But David, just like people today prove by their life and not their lips what and who they really love, worship, and belong to. David was not a man that would have to debate between a fishing rod, family, pleasure, work **OR** church. Yes, he put some idols in place of God as we all do at time to time in life, but his habitual life was marked with genuine zeal for “your house”. This man proved he was a true “Christian” if you will by his life’s actions. Only a true child of God loves His Father and His Father’s Words so deeply. The Scriptures tell us that “zeal” he had for God and His house it “akal” in Hebrew (to eat, devour, burn up, feed). He was consumed, eaten up, devoured by his passion for God.

How tragic and sad this is so far from the attitude of most professing Christians today. Read **Psalms 5:7, 26:8, 84:10, 122:1**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to my life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *If you not loving God as you ought to with “zeal for Him and His house” ask forgiveness and renew your obedience today.*

FRIDAY –I mentioned there were many things that could be said pertaining to this passage and I am finding this true in writing. We must not overlook that it was zeal for “Your” house that the Psalmist said consumed him. He was not consumed with himself and his house but rather God and His. This is very elementary to point out and yet it is so vital and important. Many who say the “love Jesus” show very little love toward Him but instead show a life consumed by love of the temporal and passing fancies of this earthly life. Read an example of this from the Old Testament concerning God’s people and His Temple: **Haggai 1:1-11**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *God, please help me to understand and to know You better. You alone are worthy of EVERYTHING I am and have. Help me properly worship and devote my all to You.*

SATURDAY –Let me close with a quote from John Calvin who is commenting on **Psalms 69:9**: “David’s enemies, no doubt, professed that nothing was farther from their mind than to touch the sacred name of God; but he reproves their hypocritical pretences, and affirms that he is fighting in God’s quarrel. The manner in which he did this, he shows, was by the zeal for the Church of God with which his soul was inflamed. He not only assigns the cause of the evil treatment which he received — his zeal for the house of God — but also declares that whatever evil treatment he was undeservedly made the object of, yet, as it were, forgetting himself, he burned with a holy zeal to maintain the Church, and at the same time the glory of God, with which it is inseparably connected.” Close your study this week by reading and meditating on **Psalms 69:1-15**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: *Dear God, help me live with the attitude of the Psalmist and Jesus. May I be consumed with zeal for You and for Your house. Amen!*