

# *Overcoming Complacency*



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# Godly Zeal: Enthusiasm / Passion



## ■ Isaiah 9:1-7

- ❖ Will See a Great Light
- ❖ Gladness in Harvest
- ❖ Government of Justice and Righteousness forever

# **Godly Zeal: Before / After**

## **■ Before the timing of Isaiah 9:1-7**

**❖ Isaiah 37:32**

**❖ II Kings 19:31**

**➤ A remnant and survivors are kept by the zeal of God**

## **■ After the timing of Isaiah 9:1-7**

**❖ Joel 2:18-28**

**❖ Zechariah 1:14-17; Ezekiel 34:23-28**

**➤ God's Zeal will restore the land, break yoke of enslavement and prosperity**

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## ■ After the timing of Isaiah 9:1-7

❖ **Isaiah 11:1-4**

❖ **Psalm 2:1-12; 110:2-4**

- **God's Zeal will rule with an iron scepter (Jesus Christ)**
- **"The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies."...**

# What Happens After the 1,000 Year Reign of Christ & the Saints?

## ■ Satan Will Be Released ...

### ❖ Revelation 20:4, 6-9

- Deceiving the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog...
- Gog means "mountain" / Magog means "overtopping; covering"

### ❖ Ezekiel 38 & 39

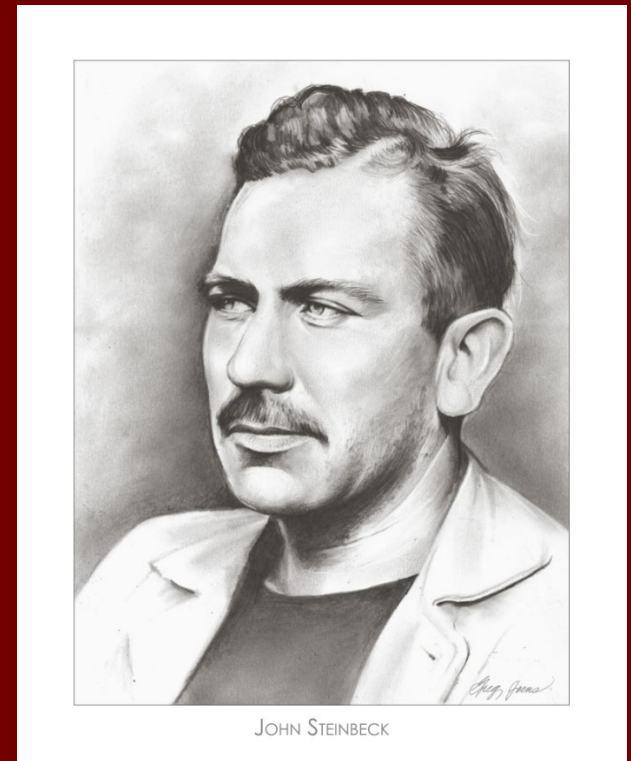
- ...I will not let My Holy Name be profaned anymore...

### ❖ I Peter 5:8-11

- Spiritual laziness can have detrimental affects.

# Godly Zeal Overcomes

**“Somewhere in the world there is a defeat for everyone. Some are destroyed by defeat and some made small and mean by victory. Greatness lives in one who triumphs equally over defeat and victory.”**



# Godly Zeal Overcomes Complacency

- **What is zeal?**
  - ❖ **An eager or diligent devotion**
- **What is complacency?**
  - ❖ **Smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements**
- **What instruction does the Bible give us, regarding zeal?**
  - ❖ **Titus 2:13-14**
  - ❖ **Revelation 3:19**

# Got Godly Zeal?

- **Jesus Christ's Righteous Zeal for our admonish**
  - ❖ **John 2:13-17**
  - ❖ **Psalm 69:9** "For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me."
  - ❖ **Psalm 119:137-144**
- **Do we have this kind of zeal for God and His ways, now?**





# Godly Zeal

## ■ How do we develop zeal for God?

❖ **James 4:7-10**

❖ **Romans 12:11** – “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”

❖ **Isaiah 59:17** – “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.”



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## ■ How do we develop zeal for God?

### ❖ Ecclesiastes 7:15-18

- ✓ "...righteousness man perishes in his righteousness...."
- ✓ Perishes - *'ābad*; *Strong's #6* – dependent upon the context – death or to wander (not handling a trial or life, well)
- ✓ Super-righteousness is dangerous, because it is a deceptive form of evil. It can develop from a resolve to obey God better, but those efforts are allowed to get out of control.



# Examples of Good & Bad Zeal

## ■ The Zeal of Phinehas

❖ **Numbers 25:1-13** – “... he was zealous for His God.”

## ■ The Zeal of Solomon

❖ **I Kings 3:7-13** – “...give Your servant an understanding heart...”

## ■ The Lack of Zeal from Solomon

❖ **I Kings 11:1-13** – “...his wives turned his heart away after other gods...”



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## ■ Paul's Misguided Zeal

❖ **Galatians 1:13-14** – "...ancestral traditions"

❖ **Romans 10:2** – "...zeal for God, but not according to knowledge."

## ■ Pharisees' Misguided Zeal

❖ **Mark 7:1-9, 13** – "...Neglecting the commandments of God, you hold to the traditions of men."



# Godly Zeal Overcomes Complacency

## ■ Application To Our Life / Stay Awake!

### ❖ Galatians 6:7-10

