

**DAILY RENEWING THE HEART**  
**WITH ZEAL**

**2 KINGS 13:14-19**

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(for you shall worship no other god, for **the LORD**, whose **name is Jealous**, is a **jealous God**)

## Deut. 4:23-24

**23** Take heed to yourselves, lest you **forget the covenant of the LORD your God** which **He** made with **you**, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the **LORD your God** has forbidden you. **24** For the **LORD your God** is a consuming **fire**, a **jealous God**.

## Deuteronomy 5:8-10

**8**You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; **9**you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For **I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 10**but **showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

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**2** God is **jealous**, and **the LORD avenges**; **the LORD avenges** and is **furious**. **The LORD will take vengeance** on **His** adversaries, and **He** reserves wrath for **His** enemies; **3** **The LORD** is **slow** to **anger** and **great** in **power**, and will not at all acquit the wicked. **The LORD** has **His way** in the **whirlwind** and in the **storm**, and the **clouds** are the dust of **His** feet...

**7** **The LORD** is **good**, a **stronghold** in the day of trouble; and **He knows those who trust** in **Him**.

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## Psalm 69:8-13

**8** I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
and an alien to my mother's children;

**9** Because zeal for Your house has eaten me  
up, and the reproaches of those who  
reproach You have fallen on me.

**10** When I wept and chastened my soul with  
fasting, that became my reproach.

## Psalm 69:8-13

**11** I also **made sackcloth my garment**; I **became** a **byword** to them.

**12** Those who sit in the gate **speak against me**, and I am **the song** of the **drunkards**.

**13** But as for **me**, **my prayer is to You, O LORD**, in the **acceptable time**; **O God**, in the **multitude of Your mercy**, **hear me in the truth of Your salvation**.

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Set *me* as a *seal* upon *your heart*, as a *seal* upon *your arm*, for *love* is *strong* as *death*, *jealousy* is *fierce* as the grave. *Its flashes* are *flashes* of *fire*, the *very flame* of the Lord.

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## Galatians 4:17-20

**17** They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

**18** But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

**19** My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

**20** I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

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- Fragile **1 Kings 19:10-14**

## 1 Kings 19:10-14

**9** And there he went into **a cave**, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**”

**10** So he said, “**I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts**; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. **I alone am left**; and they seek to take my life.”

**11** Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;

## 1 Kings 19:10-14

**11** and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; **12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

**13** So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**”

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**15** Then the LORD said to him: “**Go, return** on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, **anoint Hazael** as king over Syria. **16** Also you shall **anoint Jehu** the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And **Elisha** the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah **you shall anoint** as prophet in your place. **17** It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. **18** Yet **I have reserved seven thousand** in **Israel**, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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- Numbers 25:6-13 zeal against sin
- 2 Kings 13:14-19 absence of zeal
- 2 Kings 23:1-2,21-25 the most zealous king
- Isaiah 59:14-20 part of the armor of God
- John 2:13-22 zeal of the Lord Jesus
- 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 zeal in repentance
- Galatians 4:13-20 be zealous for good



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- 1 Samuel 15:22 zeal against sin
- 1 Kings 20:1-43 absence of zeal
- 1 Kings 18:36-19:21 *very zealous* prophet
- Psalm 69:8-13 prophecy of Jesus' zeal
- Titus 2:11-14 Christ purchased us to be a people zealous for good works
- Isaiah 42:1-13 Jesus will stir up zeal
- Rev. 3:14-21 be zealous and repent

