

Revelation 3:14-22 v. 16 ...thou art lukewarm v. 19 ...be zealous

Our Lord Jesus uses heat here to mean zeal or ardor or eagerness.

By "lukewarm," He means lacking in zeal.

REVIEW FROM LAST TIME

John 2:13-17 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the
changers of money sitting: 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he
drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the
changers' money, and overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves,
Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. 17
And his disciples remembered that it was written, The **zeal [G2205 zelos]** of thine
house hath eaten me up.

Psalm 69:8-13 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto
my mother's children. 9 For the **zeal [H7068 kinaw LXX G2205 zelos]**
of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached
thee are fallen upon me. 10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with
fasting, that was to my reproach. 11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I
became a proverb to them. 12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and
I was the song of the drunkards. 13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O
LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me,
in the truth of thy salvation.

-wept; fasted; put on sackcloth; prayed

Colossians 4:12-13 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you,
always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete
in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great **zeal [G2205
zelos]** for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

-zeal for the believers, shown in labouring fervently in prayers for them

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and **desire [G2206 zeloo]** spiritual gifts,
but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 Wherefore, brethren, **covet [G2206 zeloo]** to prophesy,
and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in
order.

-zeal to be able to speak the word of God

-note that even that is to be done decently and in order

LESSON

Background: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

- open corruption was being tolerated in the congregation, with no mourning over it
- the apostle referenced Christ as typified in OT ceremony to teach purity
- 13b is from Deuteronomy 17:6-7 ...So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

2 Corinthians 7:4-11 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. 5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your **fervent mind [G2205 zelos]** toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. 8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. 9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what **zeal [G2205 zelos]**, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

-v. 7 zeal toward the Lord's apostle

-toward the apostle personally

-toward the apostle as one who rebuked and corrected them, insisting by authority that discipline be maintained in the congregation

-v. 11 zeal for the purity of the church

-when they had lacked it before

-once corrected by the apostle

How would this manifest itself among us, now that the apostles are no longer with us personally?

-application: toward the doctrine and example of the apostles

-application: toward those who minister in the word and exercise authority in discipline

2 Corinthians 9:1-2 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your **zeal [G2205 zelos]** hath provoked very many.

-zeal to give an offering for the poor saints

-more broadly, ministering to or serving the saints according to their needs

2 Corinthians 11:2-4 For I **am jealous G2206 [G2206 zeloo]** over you with godly **jealousy [G2205 zelos]**: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

-zeal to preserve the church pure in the one true gospel

SUMMARY

Zeal is what moved David and our Lord Jesus

-as David showed when he prayed so intently

-as our Lord Jesus showed when he cleared the corruption out of the temple

Zeal is what moved Epaphras to labor fervently in prayer for the congregations

Zeal is what the apostle Paul teaches us to have toward the word of God being spoken in the assembly.

Zeal is what the Corinthians had toward the Lord's apostle, as he was exercising authority to maintain discipline in the congregation.

Zeal is what the Corinthians had for keeping purity in the congregation.

Zeal is what the Corinthians had for giving money to the poor saints, for serving the saints who needed something.

Zeal is what the apostle had toward the congregation as to keeping them believing only the one true gospel.