

# Conformed to the Image of Christ:

## Christ's Zeal

- **“For zeal for Your house has consumed me,** And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.” (Psalms 69:9)
- And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; <sup>16</sup> and to those who were selling the doves He said, “Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a place of business.” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, **“ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.”** (John 2:15-17)

# I) What is “Zeal”?

- **Definition:** “Zeal is a form of power, motivating force, and a measure of energy with which a person does something. It is defined as eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something, fervor.” **A synonym for zeal is passion.**
- **In Hebrew, QINAH** means ardor, zeal, jealousy, anger, envy, passion, and rivalry.
- **In Greek, ZELOS from ZEO** means primarily boil or hot, but also zeal, jealousy, fury, fervent mind, or ardor (eagerness).
- Others define it as eager rivalry, contentious rivalry, zealous imitation, emulation, a noble passion, fervor in spirit, defending anything or any person.

## II) God's Zeal!

- There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.** (Isaiah 9:7) Ref: (Isa. 9:6) "For a child will be born..."
- "He put on righteousness like a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing **And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.**" (Isaiah 59:17)

### III) Christ's zeal! (John 2:13-22)

- ☐ Zeal to purify the Father's House for true worship!
- ☐ Zeal for all Nations to worship in His House!
- ☐ Zeal to make a way for all to worship!
- ☐ Zeal to defend God's honor and Name!
- ☐ Zeal to give His life as a ransom for many!