

Passion for the Presence of the Lord

Then His disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house burns within me."

John 2:17 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: When Jesus walked through the Temple, He became incensed with the consumerism that had replaced the purity of the Lord's holy dwelling place. Marketing of goods and services had overtaken the sincerity of sacrifice. In a rage of passion for the holiness of His Father, Jesus cleared out the Temple with a vengeance that offended the Jewish leaders. As the disciples witnessed this, they recalled the prophetic declaration of Psalm 69:9 about how passion for God's house would burn within Jesus. The Church today may again be filled with this same consumer mentality. It is possible for believers to do many good things in the name of the Lord, but lack the passion and hunger for the true presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in their midst. Does passion for the Lord burn within your heart? Are you grieved by anything that might point toward man rather than the holy presence of the living Jesus? If revival is to come to our churches today, it must be preceded by a burning desire for nothing less than the manifest presence of Christ.

Day 1: Praise Jesus for His passion for His Church.

Day 2: Confess to the Lord those times that your passion for the Lord Jesus has waned in the midst of distractions.

Day 3: Repent of ways you have allowed a consumer mentality to overtake the truth of what the Church should be in contrast to the world.

Day 4: Invite the Lord Jesus to fill your heart with a passion and zeal for His presence alone.

Day 5: Pray for such a powerful revival of the Church that all of the programs and consumer activities will fade in comparison to the beauty of the Lord Himself.

Day 6: Pray that pastors will seek only the presence of Christ as they lead your church to know Jesus more intimately.

Day 7: Invite the Lord to graciously cleanse your church in such a way that your community will take notice of its purity.

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