Zealous For His God

We are told in the Old Testament that a man named Phinehas was "zealous for his God" (Numbers 25:13; KJV). This man saw sexual immorality being committed by one of his fellow-Israelites and put a stop to it immediately by killing both perpetrators (Numbers 25:1-13).

Phinehas showed his zeal for what was right in a number of ways. He was proactive. He didn't wait to be told. He acted in the minority. He didn't wait for others to help him. He was willing to judge others. He wasn't deterred by a wrong sense of judging. He displayed the character of God. He didn't act like a man and excuse the sin. As a result, God reward him with righteousness (Psalm 106:28-31).

Today, we need more Christians to be like Phinehas. We need more godly zeal in the church. It is a characteristic of the faithful (Titus 2:14). It shows itself in action like Jesus cleansing the temple (John 2:15-17). It must be fed and grown (Hebrews 10:25). It is contagious (2 Corinthians 9:2). And, it must be guided by the knowledge of God's word (Romans 10:2).

Let it be said of us, he/she is "zealous for his God". - Chris Reeves

Sentence Sermons

- If you are not closer to heaven today than you were yesterday, you should stop and check the road map. You may have taken a wrong turn.
- We don't need better methods, or more money in the church; we need better men (and women).
- To lift others up, you must first be on a higher plain.
- The Lord knows those who are his.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Your House Is On Fire!

One day every house on earth, including yours and mine, will burn. Now that's something to think about. Consider what the Apostle Peter wrote and then answer some typical questions that one would ask if a house burned down.

"but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men"

(2 Peter 3:7)

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up"

(2 Peter 3:10)

"looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat"

(2 Peter 3:12)

Am I Insured?

When a house burns down people want to know if they are insured, if

they are covered for fire damage. We must ask the same question about the end of time: Are we insured? Are we covered?

Will we escape the fire of torment and hell (Matthew 3:12; 5:22; 13:40-42,50; 18:8 -9; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 3:9,17; 16:19ff; Hebrews 10:25; Jude 7; Revelation 19:20; 20:10; 14-15; 21:8)?



Do I Have A Place to Live?

When a house burns down people want to know if they have somewhere else to live. We must ask the same question about the end of time: Will we live with Jesus in heaven (John 14:2-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Philippians 1:23; Hebrews 11:10)? Or, will we live with the Devil in hell (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10,15; 21:8)?

Will I Lose Everything?

When a house burns down people want to know if they lost everything. We must ask the same question about the end of time: Will we lose it all? We will lose all physical things (Luke 12:20; I Timothy 6:7; I John 2:17). We can take only our spiritual possessions with us (Matthew 6:19-20; I Peter I:4).

Will My Family Escape?

When a house burns down people want to know if everyone got out alive. We must ask the same question about the end of time: Will my family escape (Acts 10:24,33,48; 1 Peter 3:1-2)?

Friend, your house is not on fire — yet. But one day it will be! Will you be ready when that day comes? Do you have fire insurance? God is in the fire "insurance business". He is longsuffering not wanting you to be lost (2 Peter 3:8-9). Christians are the "insurance agents". They are trying to talk with others and save the lost (Jude 22-23). The gospel is the "insurance policy". It tells us what to do to be saved (Romans 1:16). Obedience is the "insurance premium". We must all obey the gospel in order to be saved (2 Thessalonians 1:8). - Chris Reeves