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SUSTAINING THE ZEAL OF ZION

(Isa 51:16) And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

IN ORDER FOR GOD TO PLANT THE HEAVENS IN YOUR LIFE YOU MUST SUSTAIN THE ZEAL OF ZION.

READ (Mk 12:29, Deut. 11:11-21, John 2:12-17)

- A. WHAT DOES 'SUSTAIN THE ZEAL OF ZION' MEAN?
- Passionately Love God and the things of God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. (*Mk* 12:29)
- Let the Word of God permeate your entire environment.
- Do not relate with the Word of God in a theoretical manner.
- Don't serve God at your convenience, and do not let anything in your life compete with God. (*Luk. 18:18-25, Luk. 19:1-9*)
- Love God to the point where you are consumed with jealousy for the honor of His house. (Jesus said: and His disciples remembered that it is written [in the Holy Scriptures], Zeal (the fervor of love) for Your house will eat Me up. [I will be consumed with jealousy for the honor of Your house.] John 2:17 AMP

B. DAVID LOVED THE LORD WITH A DEEP PASSION (Psa. 69:9, 2Sa1:7-16)

- David took everything that pertains to God's interest and His name personal. He always said "He is mine".
- David showed his fervor of love for God by fighting God's cause. (1Sa 17:26)
- David restored the ark of God to its rightful place. (1Ch 15:25-28)
- David instituted temple worship. He appointed people to minister at the altar full- time. (*1Ch 16:4-7, 37*)
- David made personal provision for building the temple of God (*1Ch 29:3*) (*2Sa 7:8*)
- David delighted to be in the presence of God always. (*Psa 27:4*) (*Psa 63:1*) (*Psa 26:8*) (*Psa 122:1*)
- When you love the Lord with deep passion, God plants the heavens in your life.
- David enjoyed (heaven on earth) because of his love for God.

SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS:

- 1. Explain this scripture "the zeal of your house has consumed me." In what ways will you as a child of God demonstrate your zeal for God and the things of God?
- 2. What are some of the things that compete with God in your life? What steps will you take to eradicate them?
- 3. In the Scriptures, someone else asked God the question: what will you have me do for you? Who was this?