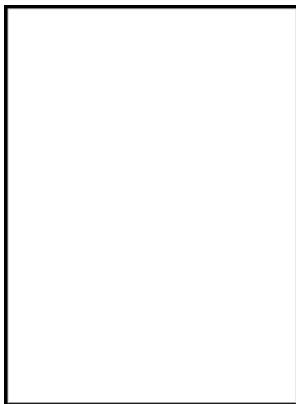


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While they were about it, there commeth one Zimri, one of the chiefe Princes of one of their Tribes, and before the face of all the people, leadeth a Lady who was Daughter to one of the chiefe Noblemen of Moab, leads her into his Tent, and there goeth and committeth the same villany with her that had thus provoked God to send this plague among them, Phinehas the Sonne of Eleazar the High Priest, seeing this high and audacious boldnesse of this wretched Nobleman, was so filled by the Spirit of God with holy indignation, That hee taketh his Javelin, followeth them into their Tent, taketh them, probably, in the very act of their filthinesse, striketh the man through the body, and the woman through the belly, and nayled them both to the ground, and out he went againe: And God took this part of Phinchas so kindly, to see him so inflamed with the zeale of justice, that he presently commanded the Angell to put up his Sword, and not to kill a man more, Zimri and Cosbi were the two last that dyed, at that time not one more perished. Minister of Gods word at Finchfield in Essex.

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Hee had told him plainly, that while they kept close to God, all the world would bee too weak for them, but could hee but devise any way to make them fall out with God, God would take a course with them himselfe, hee would destroy them to Balak his hand.

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Fourthly, Consider as this doctrine makes it plaine this is the most certaine way to save this famous City, this will preserve London, this will keepe it as a Citiie of God, yea a few zealous men may doe it, Oh that you could all be as Phinehas zealous for the Lord, but if all should not, the zeale of a few may doe it, some Aldermen if all will not, some Common Councell men if all will not, a considerable number will prevaile with God, yea who knowes, how farre the zeale of one man may prevaile, therefore goe on in it to the utmost, without any self-seeking: Let offices goe, let wife and children goe, let estate goe, be wholly for the Lord and say, What may I doe? But on the other side, let it seeme never such a crosse, if there bee no wrath in it, there is no plague in it; therefore whatsoeuer plague any lie under, doe but pacifie Gods wrath, and you end the plague. In your owne thoughts survey almost all publike places, or orders of men, and think among the Nobles, or the Commons, in the Citiie among the Aldermen, among the Common Councell men, among the severall Wards, goe into the Ministrie, the severall degrees of men, and doe but thinke how few there are whose hearts are truely zealous for the Lord, if this bee zeale that I have opened unto you; truely if I should enter or put my finger into this Ulcer, I might make your hearts sad and tremble; have wee not abundance that live this day in London and about London, if not in the Parliament, not onely those that are at Oxford, that turne Cavaliers, who pretend to bee our friends, who have a zeale against zeale, who are with all the heat that can be kindled in them set on fire against zealous men, casting all the opprobrious nicknames on them that can be; branding zeale for God with madnesse, with turbulencie, with indiscretion, with haire-braindesse; who with Festus, thinke men beside themselves, Act.

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Phineas the Son of Eleazar the Priest hath pacified my wrath, while hee was zealous for my sake among them.

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Being the day of the monethly publike fast. But if it be be true zeale for God, that zeale whereof the Lord saith, He was zealous for my sake, the heart must be upright toward him.

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My sword shall bee bathed in Heaven, it shall come downe upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse to judgement. And that is a direction from Heaven of the readiest way, the shortest cut, to obtain an establishment for this Application.

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