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## When does it wane? (Saint Isaac the Syrian)

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Zeal is the dog which guards the law of God, which is virtue. Like a fiery furnace, zealous people heat up, like the Cherubim and are on the lookout at every moment for the traps and attacks of the evil spirits. Zeal wanes when people don't believe in divine providence and forget God. There is a cooling of zeal when the desire for virtue lessens, when we trust in ourselves and stop fearing the demons.