

# Feast of Commitment

John 10: 22-30

# History lesson

- Nearly 200 years before the birth of Jesus
- Syrian/Greek King Antiochus IV ***Epiphanes***
- Hellenization—Greek culture
- Egypt / Jerusalem

# Desecration of Jewish Culture

- High Priest
- Temple
- Altar
- Sabbath, circumcision

# Modi'in

- Mattathias Hasmonial
- 5 sons– John, Judah, Eleazar, Simon, Jonathan
- Maccabees

# Cleansing the Temple

Judah cleanses the Temple-164 BC (BCE)

Jesus cleanses the Temple (30 ish AD (CE)-Mtt 21; Mk11; Lk 19; Jn 2

Enough light?– Jesus– eternal light (Jn 8)

Feast of Lights, Dedication, Re-dedication

Shepherd–Judah Maccabee; Jesus Eternal Shepherd- Jn 10

# Feast of Hanukkah/Chanukah

# Messiah

- **Messiah God-Incarnate-God truly manifested, a baby-Lk 2; Jn1**
- ***God in a box; humanities definition-*** Epiphanes; messiah
- ***Jewish-Hanukkah express hope for a Messiah***
- ***Shamash candle—The Servant— Way, Light Mt 20:28/Jn 13-14/Mk 10***
- ***I and My Father are one Jn 10:30***

# Temple

- Jesus is the eternal temple– God’s birth/sacrifice for humanity
- Church is God’s gift to humanity– the temple 1 Cor 3:16-18
- Individually we are God’s temple 1 Cor 6:19
- Holy Spirit burns his light within each of us (Rom 8; Eph 1:13-14)

Shine our light eternally, a servant lamp  
not just 8 days annually; but forever