

Our God Is A Jealous God

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A jealous God

Exodus 20:1-5 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: **for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Godly jealousy

2 Corinthians 11:2 For **I am jealous over you with godly jealousy**: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ

jealous defined

Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary

1 a : intolerant of rivalry or unfaithfulness **b** : disposed to suspect rivalry or unfaithfulness **2** : hostile toward a rival or one believed to enjoy an advantage **3** : vigilant in guarding a possession

God is exclusive

Isaiah 37:16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, thou art the God, **thou alone**, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and **beside me there is no God**.

Isaiah 45:5-6 I am the LORD, and **there is none else, there is no God beside me**: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that **there is none beside me**. I am the LORD, and **there is none else**.

Only fear the lord and serve him

1 Samuel 12:24 "Only fear the LORD, and **serve Him** in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

God's name is jealous

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, **whose name is Jealous**, is a jealous God: **covenant Love includes the right kind of jealousy**

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For **love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave**; Its flames *are* flames of fire, A most vehement flame. 7 Many waters cannot quench **love**, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for **love** All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.(NKJ)

God often addressed His people as a Husband

Isaiah 54:5 For thy Maker is **thine husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of **Israel**; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Jeremiah 3:14 Return, O backsliding children, saith Jehovah; for **I am a husband unto you**: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: (ASV)

A covenant relationship

Jeremiah 31:31-32 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to **the covenant** that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which **my covenant** they brake, although **I was an husband unto them**, saith the LORD:

Israel an unfaithful wife

Jeremiah 3:20 But, you have been **unfaithful to me**, nation of Israel, **like an unfaithful wife** who has left her husband,? says the Lord.

she committed Spiritual adultery

Ezekiel 16:32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

With idols

Ezekiel 23:37 ??They have **committed adultery with their idols**, and even sacrificed their sons whom they bore to Me, passing them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.?

God's jealousy is provoked when we forsake the covenant

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 Take heed unto yourselves, lest **ye forget the covenant** of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you **a graven image, or the likeness of any thing**, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even **a jealous God**

Our sins provoke Him to jealousy

1 Kings 14:22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and **they provoked him to jealousy with their sins** which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

Jealously moves to anger

Deuteronomy 32:16 They **provoked him to jealousy** with strange gods, with abominations **provoked they him to anger**.

Deuteronomy 6:15 For the LORD thy **God is a jealous God** among you lest **the anger of the LORD** thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

who is able to stand before jealousy?

Proverbs 27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; But who is able to stand before jealousy? (ASV)

The intensity of jealousy

Proverbs 6:32-35 Whoever **commits adultery** with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul. 33 Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away. 34 For **jealousy is a husband's fury**; Therefore **he will not spare in the day of vengeance**. 35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts

the fire of Jealousy in day of lord's wrath

Zephaniah 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by **the fire of his jealousy**: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

idolaters shall have their part in the lake of fire

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and

sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Christian do you provoke the Lord to Jealousy?

1 Corinthians 10:20-22 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have **fellowship with demons**. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or **do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?** Are we stronger than He?

Christians flee idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry**.

be extreme with any rivalries before its too late

Mark 9:43-47 And if thy hand offend thee, **cut it off**: it is better for thee **to enter into life** maimed, than having two hands to go into gehenna, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, **cut it off**: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into gehenna, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, **pluck it out**: it is better for thee **to enter into the kingdom of God** with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into gehenna fire:

keep the lord as your only desire

Psalm 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.