

JEALOUSY: The Fiery Green-Eyed Monster

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I. INTRODUCTION

II. ITS CREATOR

- A. Jealousy is an attribute of God (Ex. 20:5; Josh. 24:19; Nah. 1:2).

- B. Jealousy is one of the names of God (Ex. 34:14).

- C. A jealous God chose to give this same attribute to man, as a great benefit to man (Num. 25:13).

- D. God loves and even rewards the proper use of jealousy (2 Cor. 11:2).

- E. Even the sinless Jesus Christ exhibited godly jealousy (John 2:17)

John 2:17 “Zeal (i.e., godly jealousy) for Your house will consume Me.”

- F. Jealousy is a God-given emotion.
 - 1. Jealousy generates energy to protect and to possess! (Numbers 25:6-13; 2 Cor. 11:2-3).
 - 2. Jealousy is the most intense of all the emotions (Prov. 27:4; Psalm 79:5; Deut. 4:24; Zephaniah 1:18; 1 Corinthians 10:22; Song of Sol. 8:6).
 - 3. How did jealousy become the monster that consumes us? (Prov. 6:34-35; Gen. 4:3-5, 8; 1 John 3:12).

III. ITS MISSION

- A. Sinful jealousy prompts us to fight and quarrel (Jas. 4:2b).

- B. Sinful jealousy prompts us to murder (Jas. 4:2a ; Mark 15:1).

- C. Sinful jealousy prompts us to discredit people who are more successful (Acts 13:44-45).

- D. Sinful jealousy prompts us to do cruel things to people (Acts 7:9; Rom. 1:29; Gal. 5:19-21).

IV. ITS FATE

- A. Our lives can become a chaotic mess (Jas. 3:16).
- B. Our relationships can start to break down.
- C. Our lives can fill with anger and bitterness (Luke 15:25-30).
- D. Our lives can be robbed of joy and contentment.
- E. We stop growing as Christians (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

V. ITS TRANSFORMATION

- A. What is the secret weapon for wiping out jealousy?
- B. Where does this jealousy-destroying love come from? (1 Thes. 4:9, 10).

VI. THE RESULTS

- A. Instead of jealousy coveting another man's possessions, we begin to zealously seek after his divinely-empowered attributes.
- B. Instead of being hopelessly jealous of another man's talents, we can begin to imitate his passion to exercise the talents God has given him.
- C. Instead of being jealous of another man's success, we can rejoice with him over that success.

Our Prayer: "Lord, may Your love kill the monster of sinful jealousy in my life. May Your love in me create a greater passion to imitate the Christ-likeness in others."