

The Jealousy of God!

Exodus 34:12-14 (NKJV) *Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)*

Exodus 34:12-14 (NLT) *“Be very careful never to make a treaty with the people who live in the land where you are going. If you do, you will follow their evil ways and be trapped. Instead, you must break down their pagan altars, smash their sacred pillars, and cut down their Asherah poles. You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.*

I. God Jealousy is Different

Exodus 20:4-5 (NKJV) *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

Jealous: **h7067. קנאן qanâ’**; from 7065; jealous: — jealous. Compare 7072. AV (6) - jealous 6; jealous (only of God)

Hebrew: **קנאן qânâ’**; a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) **zealous**,
Zealous: great energy or enthusiasm **in pursuit of** a cause or an objective:

Genesis 37:11 (NKJV) *And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.*

Hebrew: **קנאן qânâ’**: h7065. קנאן qânâ’; ... (in a bad sense) jealous or envious:

English for Jealous: feeling or showing envy of someone or their achievements and advantages...

Synonyms: envious, covetous, resentful, grudging, bitter, malicious, greedy, selfish...

II. What is God saying...

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Deuteronomy 4:23-24 (NKJV) *Take heed to yourselves, **lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you,** and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.*

God’s description of Himself as jealous is only given in the context of idolatry!

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*****Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (NLT)** *“The LORD did not set His heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! Rather, **it was simply that the LORD loves you,** and He was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the LORD rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.*

The term "jealous" (or "zealous") must not be understood in such popular misconceptions as God is naturally suspicious, distrustful, or wrongly envious holding resentful feelings toward us!

Read Covenant Process!

2 Corinthians 11:2 (NKJV) *For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

III. It’s a Covenant of Love!

*****Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)** *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.*

Galatians 1:4 (NLT) *Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.*

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT) *...just as Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. He did this to present her to Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.*

This is why God is Jealous over us! He loves us so much and wants to give us everything!

Hebrews 2:6 (NASB 2020) But someone has testified somewhere, saying, "WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU THINK OF HIM? OR A SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?"

It's not Jealousy that steams from envy or selfishness!

Song of Songs 2:4 (NASB 2020) "He has brought me to his banquet hall, And his banner over me is love!"

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT) I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT) And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

We shouldn't take His Love For granted!!

Ephesians 2:12-13 (NLT) In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:11 (MSG) But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.