

Yahweh, Jealous, Avenging and Wrathful

Nahum 1:2-3a

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Sermon Outline

- I. The Jealous God (Nahum 1:2)
- II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)
- III. The Jealousy Poured Out in Vengeance and Wrath (Nahum 1:3)

I. The Jealous God (Nahum 1:2)

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²A jealous and avenging God is Yahweh...

Exodus 34:14 (LSB)

¹⁴—for you shall not worship any other god, for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—

Deuteronomy 4:24 (LSB)

²⁴“For Yahweh your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

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Joshua 24:19–21 (LSB)

¹⁹Then Joshua said to the people, "You will not be able to serve Yahweh, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; **He will not forgive your transgression or your sins.**

²⁰**"If** you forsake Yahweh and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you."

²¹And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve Yahweh."

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James 4:4–5 (LSB)

⁴You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world sets himself as an enemy of God.

⁵Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

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Hebrews 10:29–31 (LSB)

²⁹How much worse punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as defiled the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

³⁰For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

³¹It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Isaiah 42:5,8 (LSB)

⁵Thus says the God, Yahweh, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

⁸"I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.

II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

A Husband's Jealousy

Hosea 3:1 (LSB)

¹Then Yahweh said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by her companion and is an adulteress, even as Yahweh loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes."

Hosea 2:19–20 (LSB)

¹⁹"And I will betroth you to Me forever; Indeed, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In lovingkindness and in compassion,

²⁰And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know Yahweh.

II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

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Revelation 21:8–9 (LSB)

⁸“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and sexually immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

⁹Then one of the seven angels who have the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

A Father's Jealousy

Hosea 11:1–2 (LSB)

¹When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

²The more they called them, The more they went from them; They kept sacrificing to the Baals And burning incense to graven images.

Isaiah 10:5 (LSB)

⁵Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands is My indignation,

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Hosea 11:8–9 (LSB)

⁸How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I surrender you, O Israel? How can I give you over to be like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned over within Me; All My compassions are stirred.

⁹I will not execute My burning anger; I will not make Ephraim a ruin again. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, And I will not come in wrath.

II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

A Father's Jealousy

Nahum 2:2 (LSB)

²For Yahweh will restore the majesty of Jacob Like the majesty of Israel, Even though those who empty them have emptied them to destruction And ruined their vine branches.

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James 1:20 (LSB)

²⁰for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 29:22 (LSB)

²²An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.

Romans 12:19 (LSB)

¹⁹never taking your own revenge, beloved—instead leave room for the wrath of God. For it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

1 Timothy 3:15 (LSB)

¹⁵but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

1 Timothy 4:16 (LSB)

¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

II. The Jealousy of God (Nahum 1:2-3)

Galatians 6:15–16 (LSB)

¹⁵For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

¹⁶And those who will walk in step with this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

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