

Systematic Theology

A study of the major doctrines of Scripture

Topic 2 - The Doctrine of God

Lesson 36 - The Attributes of God: Jealousy

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God's Name is "Jealous"

- God's jealousy is His zealous protectiveness of all that belongs to Him - His name, His glory, His people, His sole right to receive worship and ultimate obedience. - MacArthur, pg. 185
- God's jealousy means that God continually seeks to protect His own honor. - Grudem, pg. 205
- It is not wrong for God to seek His own honor because He is the only One who fully deserves it!
- Isaiah 48:11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another.
- Exodus 34:14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)

Jealous - The Only God to be Worshipped

- Exodus 20:5 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,
- Deut. 4:24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- Deut. 29:18 so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; 19 and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart'—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. 20 "The Lord would not spare him; for then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the Lord would blot out his name from under heaven.

Jealous - The Only God to be Worshiped

- Deut. 32:21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.
- Psalm 79:1 O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps. 2 The dead bodies of Your servants They have given as food for the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth. 3 Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem, And there was no one to bury them. 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and derision to those who are around us. 5 How long, Lord? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name. 7 For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his dwelling place.

Jealous - Serving Our Holy God

- Joshua 24:19 But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
- James 4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?
- Ezekiel 39:25 “Therefore thus says the Lord God: ‘Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name—

Jealous - Chastening Sinful People

- Ezekiel 16:42 So I will lay to rest My fury toward you, and My jealousy shall depart from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no more.
- Ezekiel 23:25 I will set My jealousy against you, And they shall deal furiously with you; They shall remove your nose and your ears, And your remnant shall fall by the sword; They shall take your sons and your daughters, And your remnant shall be devoured by fire.

Jealous - Restoring His People

- 2 Kings 19:31 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, And those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.'
- Isaiah 37:32 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, And those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
- Isaiah 63:15 Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained?

Jealous - Establishing the Kingdom

- Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born,
- Unto us a Son is given;
- And the government will be upon His shoulder.
- And His name will be called
- Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
- Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of His government and peace
- There will be no end,
- Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
- To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
- From that time forward, even forever.
- The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Jealous - Vengeance on Enemies

- Isaiah 42:13 The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies.
- Isaiah 59:16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. 19 So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. 20 “The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” Says the Lord.

Jealous - Vengeance on Enemies

- Ezekiel 5:13 Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them.
- Ezekiel 36:5 therefore thus says the Lord God: “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.” ’
- Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the Lord avenges; The Lord avenges and is furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies;
- Zeph. 3:8 “Therefore wait for Me,” says the Lord, “Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations To My assembly of kingdoms, To pour on them My indignation, All My fierce anger; All the earth shall be devoured With the fire of My jealousy.

Jealous - Communicable: A Godly Jealousy

- For the Christian, jealousy is to be an earnestly protective or watchful attribute, being deeply committed to seeking the honor and welfare of others. - Grudem, pg. 205
- 2 Corinthians 11:2 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.
- Jealousy is not to be a zealousness for our own honor, but characterized by humility and a desire to serve others.
- 1 Cor. 4:7 For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
- Rev. 4:11 “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Jealous - Be Zealous for the Things of God

- Prov. 23:11 Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day;
- Galatians 4:18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.
- Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.
- Rev. 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.