

# The Jealousy of God

## DEFINITION:

- ◆ The demand of God to protect the honour and worship that is due to Him alone.
- ◆ Unlike human jealousy while is often a sin. God's Jealousy is both righteous and holy. It is the pure demand that a Holy, Sovereign God receive the honour that is due to Him from that which he created.
- ◆ God will not share the glory that He alone is due with anything else.
- ◆ His Jealousy is for Himself, it is a sinless demand for it is born out of a purity to acknowledge what is His alone.

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## GOD'S JEALOUSY IS...

### **1** A RIGHTEOUS DEMAND TO RECEIVE THE HONOUR THAT IS DUE TO HIM

- ◆ Only the God that is revealed in the Bible is holy and true.
- ◆ Since He created all things, all things are inferior to Him
- ◆ One day all mankind will bow down before Him and finally give Him what He now deserves.
- ◆ Jealous for the honour He deserves

EXODUS 20:5 ~ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me

EXODUS 34:14 ~ for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

DEUTERONOMY 4:24 ~ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

DEUTERONOMY 5:9 ~ You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me

DEUTERONOMY 32:21 ~ *They have made me jealous with what is no god; they have provoked me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with those who are no people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.*

JOSHUA 24:19 ~ *But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.*

EZEKIEL 39:25 ~ *Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name.*

NAHUM 1:2 ~ *The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.*

## **2** A RIGHTEOUS DESIRE TO SEE HIS REDEEMED PEOPLE BE CHRIST-LIKE AND NOT TO SIN

- ◆ God's jealousy is for the purity of His redeemed people. God wants to keep His redeemed in a state of holiness because of the extent and sufficiency of the work of the atonement.
- ◆ God often turned against His people because they did not keep that place of unique honour that they had.

ISAIAH 63:8-10

I CORINTHIANS. 10:22 ~ *You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?*

PSALM 78:57-59 ~ *Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God and did not keep his testimonies, but turned away and acted treacherously like their fathers; they twisted like a deceitful bow. For they provoked him to anger with their high places; they moved him to jealousy with their idols. When God heard, he was full of wrath, and he utterly rejected Israel.*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

## **3** A RIGHTEOUS MOTIVE TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE HIS FROM HARM

The Lord wants to protect us from harm. Just as a wife is jealous in a good sense when another woman flirts with her husband, so God wants to keep a good relationship between the Him and us.

*And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we*

wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble

MATTHEW 6:29-33

ZECHARIAH 8:2,3 ~ Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain.

## **4** A JEALOUS REQUIREMENT FOR HIS WORK OF SALVATION

JOHN 14:6

God is jealous for the work of Christ. Jesus is the one and only means of salvation.

- ◆ God is jealous of His work of atonement. Liberal theology and those who propose that there are many ways to heaven provoke God's jealous anger.

## **5** A JEALOUSY FOR WORSHIP

- ◆ It can be seen that false gods patiently endure the existence of other false gods. Dagon can stand with Bel, and Bel with Ashtaroah. Just as false ministers of Jesus can stand hand in hand with other false ministers of various religions.
- ◆ However, God demands no association with such false prophets or false deities.
- ◆ When true Christians gather to worship those who reject or deny the Bible or its elements are invoking God's jealousy.

5 Basic Historic Elements of Evangelicalism:

1. Sola Scriptura ("by Scripture alone")
2. Sola Fide ("by faith alone")
3. Sola Gratia ("by grace alone")
4. Solus Christus ("Christ alone")
5. Soli Deo gloria ("glory to God alone")

Read: 1 SAMUEL 7:3,4; PSALM 78:41

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## APPARENT DIFFICULTIES

- ◆ Jealousy makes God seem too human. It makes God seem angry or intolerant.
- ◆ Rather than defending God's very nature it is looked upon as a negative quality of God to human or incompatible with his Holiness.



### APPLICATIONS FOR OUR LIVES

It creates a Holy fear (Acts 14:8-18)

It creates a understanding of the measure of our devotion

It creates a devotion to worship the God of the Bible alone.

It creates an understanding of God's welfare for us

It creates and understanding of how we are to worship Him

It creates a understand of how we deal with peoples of other religions

*"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"* MATTHEW 10:37