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Knowing God Series
“Our Jealous God”
(Exodus 34:14)

INTRODUCTION:

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Exodus 34:14 (NLT)

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.

- Oprah Interview: “Why would I believe in a God who is jealous of me?”
- TRUTH: He is not jealous OF you; He is jealous FOR you!

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Zechariah 8:2 (NIV)

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her.”

- “Name” = the report of Him; His reputation; His BRAND
- This is what God is all about – He is JEALOUS for us!

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I. THE POSITIVE SIDE OF JEALOUSY:

Jealousy refers to God’s:

- Passionate caring
- A Fire that consumes His enemies
- A passion that protects and provides for those who belong to Him
- Implies a FIERCE LOYALTY!

Subtitle: We’ve NEVER been loved like THIS before!”

NOTE:

This fierce loyalty is the measure of true love and commitment. He is absolutely and dependably LOYAL! Covenant LOYALTY is everything to God!

God is ETERNALLY: PROVIDING, PROTECTING, POLISHING, PROMOTING OUT OF HIS PASSIONATE LOYALTY FOR US!

Apostle Paul:

2 Corinthians 11:2a (NLT)

For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself...

5 **II. AN INTENTIONAL KINGDOM PICTURE:**

The Bride and Bridegroom:

Genesis:

- He starts with Adam
- Creates Eve from his side (which side?)
- She is bone of my bone; flesh of my flesh

Cross:

- Last Adam is on the cross
- Spear is stuck into his side
- Blood and Water gush out

Note:

We are brought into existence as His Bride by the shed blood of Jesus Christ and being raised to new life through the waters of baptism – blood and water!

Revelation: (21:2)

- John sees a VISION of the New Jerusalem; the New Zion;
- As a BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND
- Spotless and in white apparel

NOTE:

THE CHURCH IS THE CHRIST’S BRIDE ABOUT WHOM HE IS FIERCELY “JEALOUS” – LOYAL AND EXCLUSIVELY IN LOVE WITH!

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III. SPIRITUAL ADULTRY AND UNFAITHFULNESS: IDOLATRY

- Many times in her history, Israel committed spiritual adultery BY HER IDOLATRY
- BY WORSHIPPING OTHER GODS, SHE WAS “CHEATING” ON GOD!

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Psalm 78:8 (NLT)

Then they will not be like their ancestors—
stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful,
refusing to give their hearts to God.

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Exodus 20:4-5 (NLT)

“You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. **5** You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am ***a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods.***

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Jeremiah 3:12-13 (NLT)

12 Therefore, go and give this message to Israel.[a] This is what the Lord says:

“O Israel, my faithless people,
come home to me again,
for I am merciful.

I will not be angry with you forever.

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Only acknowledge your guilt.

***Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God
and committed adultery against him
by worshiping idols ...***

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NOTE:

THE PASSIONATE LOYALTY GOD GIVES TO US OUT OF HIS JEALOUSY FOR US, IS THE LEVEL OF LOYALTY HE EXPECTS IN RETURN ! ARE WE JEALOUS FOR HIM?

IV. HOPE FOR RESTORATION:

HOSEA AND GOMER:

- A DRAMATIC prophecy: using living actions as means of demonstrating the word of the Lord
- God commands Hosea to go and marry Gomer, a prostitute
- He does and all is well at first; they have a son
- Shortly afterwards, she becomes enticed to enter onto her old lifestyle and goes back to prostitution
- God commands Hosea to go and FIND HER AND BRING HER BACK TO HIM AS HIS WIFE!

NOTE:

THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE HEART OF GOD FOR “ADULTEROUS” ISRAEL! HE LOVES HER; IS JEALOUS FOR HER AND WANTS HER BACK!

OT ILLUSTRATION: ABRAHAM SENDING HIS SERVANT TO SEEK A WIFE FOR HIS SON, ISAAC: (Gen. 24:4)

APPLICATION:

God the Father sent the Holy Spirit into the world to seek a bride for his Son!

- She is WORN OUT, hardened in appearance by a harsh life
- She bears the marks of the abuse she put on herself and that others caused
- She is diseased, bitter,
- This is no Esther (soaking in perfume baths for six months to be ready for the king.
- This is the one the Father presents to Jesus as His choice:

Jesus takes one look at her and says: "She's beautiful!"

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NOTE:

JESUS DOESN'T CHOOSE YOU BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU ARE, BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT HE KNOWS YOU WILL BECOME!

DIVINE RESTORATION:

Hosea 2:14-16a (NLT)

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"But then I will win her back once again. **(jealous for her exclusively)**
I will lead her into the desert **(away from all distractions)**
and speak tenderly to her there. **(where she's sure to hear His voice)**

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I will return her vineyards to her **(restoration)**
and transform the Valley of Trouble[a] into a gateway of hope.

(transformation)

She will give herself to me there,
as she did long ago when she was young,
when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. **(Just like the beginning)**

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When that day comes," says the Lord,
"you will call me 'my husband'
instead of 'my master.'^[b] **(loving Spouse, not Slave)**

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V. HOW IS OUR “LOVE TALK” TO GOD?

- The Marriage Relationship is the CONTEXT of understanding that our God is a Jealous God!
- In a marriage ceremony, there is an **EXCHANGE OF VOWS**
- In Scripture, there are EXAMPLES of “LOVE TALK” by those who had INTIMATE, DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – *MARRIAGE VOWS...*

MOSES:

Exodus 33:15 (NLT)

Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place.

DAVID:

Psalms 27:4 (NLT)

The one thing I ask of the Lord—
the thing I seek most—
is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
delighting in the Lord’s perfections
and meditating in his Temple.

NOTE:

THIS IS THE VOW, “I TAKE YOU AS MY WEDDED HUSBAND” (Exclusively)

3 HEBREW TEENS:

Daniel 3:18 (NLT)

18 But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

PAUL:

Philippians 3:10 (NKJV)

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

NOTE:

THIS IS THE VOW: “IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH; FOR RICHER, OR POORER...” (Regardless of the Circumstances)

PAUL:

2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed *and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed* to Him until that Day.

NOTE:

THIS IS THE VOW: "...TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH, UNTIL DEATH PARTS US..."

CLOSE:

Where are you in your relationship to our Jealous God?

- **Hear Him invite you to come back to Him**
- **Let Him remove you from all distractions**
- **Hear His gentle whisper**
- **Be transformed; be restored**
- **BECOME WHAT YOU WERE WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED WITH HIM**

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PRAYER:

BE EXCLUSIVELY COMMITTED TO THE ONE EXCLUSIVELY COMMITTED TO US!