

God's Prophetic Jealousy

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We know from the scripture that God is a Jealous God. It is one of the many attributes of God and one of the few talked about. This characteristic of God is boldly introduced in Exodus 20:5:

For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God. He says, basically, Make no mistake about it. I am a Jealous God. My name is Jealous.

Something that probably cannot be adequately explained except by a scholar of the Hebrew language is the differences between the word "Jealous" as it relates to God and the word "jealous" as it relates to people. I found that the word Jealous, its Hebrew number 7072 (qannow') only refers to God. Then, in 2 Corinthians 11:2, Paul says this:

*For I am jealous over you with **godly jealousy**: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

Paul distinguishes between the jealousy that is motivated from a relationship with God and one that is not (Galatians 5:20). Each time I come across scriptures like this, I desire to take a sabbatical for about a year and study it further. A cursory look at it does not release the beautiful depth and richness that exists in such a trait. So, it becomes reduced to a casual relegation of jealousy and envy motivated by the needs and wants of the carnal mind.

Seven is another one of those characteristics of God that loses its depth when left to the integer "7" or the word "complete." The fullness of this word takes it into infinity and beyond.

When jealousy becomes an intellectual playground, it becomes synonymous with envy. The two words have been used interchangeably for years. When I was a pastor of a church, I had a teenager who had the ministry of making a minister think. She wanted to know how God could be a jealous God and that would not be a sin. At the time I could not adequately answer her. I told her I would study it out and get back to her. That has been well over twenty-five years and I am still discovering facets of God's jealousy that amazes me.

We do not want to confuse the word "envy" with the word "jealousy" when jealousy is referenced toward God. Envy is a form of covetousness. Envy not only wants "it" but is angry because someone else has "it" and stands ready to do anything it can to get "it" for itself, even if it does not have a right to "its" ownership. Envy will steal, kill and destroy for what it desires. God does not covet anything we have. After all, what we have came from Him, so He has access to whatever He wants.

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Jealousy identifies what belongs to it already and reaches out to protect its desire for it. Jealousy will allow "it" to leave, but will honor its choice to leave. Though "it" leaves, jealousy still yearns for it. Jealousy will do everything it can to allow "it" to know how jealousy thinks about and feels about "it". Jealousy may never acquire "it" but will always long for "it." Jealousy is so powerful that if "it" returns, it is as if "it" never left. Envy will kill for it. Jealousy will die for it.

The most curious thing about jealousy...and this is true of God's jealousy toward us...is it is also a form of protection.

For good reason. It is because of His Love for us that He does not want anyone or anything to come between Him and us. It is the passion that arose in Christ when He willingly gave His life to the tragedy of the cross to bring forth the victory of life for a people who may never serve Him. A people who may never love Him as He has loved them. An enactment of His Jealousy is demonstrated in His vehement Love to see His body come into their destiny. This, I believe, is why He watches over His word to perform it. His word is creative and productive. His word carries power and He has dominion over His word.

The words spoken in Genesis 1:26-28 concerning being made in the image of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to have dominion in the earth is a powerful commitment from the Father and an equally powerful mandate and assignment to His people. He *is* that commitment, for the scripture tells us He is not a man that He should lie... So we never have to worry about whether or not He will go back on His commitment. We have been made to an image, a reflection of the nature and character of the Father, the nature and character of the Son and the nature and character of the Spirit.

Adam gave that away when he disobeyed God. By Genesis chapter 5 Adam is bringing forth offspring in his own image--in the nature and character of Adam.

When we go to the cross with Jesus we then take on, once more the image, the reflection of the Father, Son and Spirit.

Jesus is the expressed image of the Father (Hebrews 1:3). We have been destined to become the same thing, except we must first become the expressed image of the Son. Jesus, as the last Adam, has come to show us the Father. He does this by showing us what the Son of the Father looks like.

Our development into that image is what Paul yearned for. Somewhere in Paul's wilderness training, he discovered this image of the Son that he aspired to passionately and aggressively. Yet, as he got closer to the end of his life would say, "I had not yet apprehended..." And then he says what he was apprehending had already apprehended him. (Philippians 3:12-13)

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This great desire that was in Paul to see us grow into the image of Christ is an example of the nature of God as a Jealous God. The yearning and longing to see the fulfillment of His word in His people. Yet, willing to sit back and wait patiently as His people grow and mature into the image of His Son. He knows that once His people embrace the image of His Son they will embrace Him.

God's prophetic jealousy is released into the heart of a prophet. When love is given from Agape (God-Love) but received by Eros (self-love) all sort of confusion erupts. Without an understanding of agape a prophet will not know how to handle this attribute of God. It will come across as an emotion subject to erupt like a volcano at any time. This is one of the reasons that most prophets must overcome the spirit of rejection in their life. The enemy takes advantage of this disruption in a prophet's life to cause the prophet to operate out of envy (eros) and not *godly* jealousy (agape) (2 Corinthians 11:2).

The prophetic word becomes to the envious prophet a word of validation and acceptance. The same word to a prophet with God's jealousy becomes a word that must be protected from vultures and incubated so that the image seen when manifested is the image of Christ.

God is jealous for every space in our brain. He wants our thoughts to be His thoughts. When we continually meditate on something other than the thoughts God gives us, those thoughts eventually become words that frame a world He does not want. The world He intended for us is continually being framed by the words of His mouth.

God desires, as mentioned in Psalm 37, to give to us the desires that are in His heart. This is the power of the prophetic jealous word that is implanted into the heart of the prophet. The prophet must labor to enter into the rest of that word. The prophet must allow the jealous God to have pre-eminence in their thoughts so that tares are not sown among the wheat of his life-giving word.

This may sound a little fanatical to the casual Christian or minister. Consider this fact: Nothing was ever accomplished in the earth between God and man except on extreme terms.

Was not the parting of the Red Sea extreme? You do the measurements concerning the ark. The size of a football field? Noah did not have to go get one animal. God sent them. If that is not extreme, why do we have so many gadgets just to get rid of a mouse? Being crucified for sins He did not commit, yet Jesus took the position of man as if He were guilty so we could live. Is that not extreme?

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In Deuteronomy 4 God takes a very extreme action to introduce the Israelites to His jealousy and their value in it. God uses a simple principle. When light is taken away from darkness, when light comes, it can be more readily recognized. Starting with verse 24 of Deuteronomy 4, God begins to explain to them what His jealousy for them will mean to them. They will go through extreme hardships because of their choice for other gods. He will let them go their own way through generations of terrible troubles. By verse 29, He tells them that all they have to do is seek Him and His love, His mercy and His compassion will be a demonstration of His jealousy for them. He tells them in verse 30 that He will not forget the covenant made with their fathers. Consider the following verses from Deuteronomy 4:

- *verse 35* Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest **know that the LORD he is God**; there is none else beside him.
- *verse 36* Out of heaven **he made thee to hear his voice**, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.
- *verse 37* And **because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them**, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;
- *verse 38* To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, **to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance**, as it is this day.
- *verse 39* Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD **he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.**

His jealousy for them would not allow Him to forget the covenant made with their fathers and for them.

When we begin to look at the larger picture of prophecies, we will see just how important God's word is to us and for us. It is more than just a prediction given to help us through to a more comfortable day. It is given to help us through to the destiny He has ordained, not just for an individual, but for the entire body of Christ.

About This Book

GOD'S PROPHETIC JEALOUSY is an excerpt from the book, [Prophetic Impact](#), written by Joanne M. Bush. This book concerning God's Jealousy will give a better understanding of the prophetic power of God's Love. Throughout history He has been reaching for His people to continue His purpose and plan for their destiny...and how it relates to Him. His Love demonstrated is a reminder of the need for prophecy to begin with, as every prophetic word is hinged on a prophecy that has not yet come to pass. This is an indication that God relentlessly watches over His word to perform it.

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