

God Is Jealous **Exodus 20:4-6**

Main Point:

Remember and embrace the jealousy of God so that you devote yourself to Him and His cause.

1. God's jealousy

2. God's jealousy in the gospel

3. God's jealousy in the Christian life

James Montgomery Boice "Rightly understood, the idea of jealousy is central to any true concept of God."

J.I. Packer "God's jealousy is not a compound of frustration, envy, and spite, as human jealousy so often is, but appears instead as a . . . praiseworthy zeal to preserve something supremely precious."

Erik Thoennes "God's jealousy is his righteous and loving demand of exclusive faithfulness from his covenant people."

Kirk Wellum "He has the right to command our obedience, love, and devotion and, therefore, he is rightfully jealous when we do not worship and serve him ..."

Sam Storms "God is jealous for the supremacy of his name in this world, in this land, in your home, in your life, and in our church. It isn't your name that he is jealous to protect, but his own. Your reputation is not first on God's agenda. His is."

John 2:15-17 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.*" (NKJV)

Sam Storms If God is going to love you he must give you the best, most beautiful, and most satisfying thing in all the universe. He must freely give you the greatest treasure, the most exquisite prize, the most enduring and enjoyable thing in all the universe. And what might that be? Himself, of course!"

Wayne Grudem "It is healthy for us spiritually when we settle in our hearts the fact that God deserves all honor and glory from his creation, and that it is right for him to seek this honor."

1 Corinthians 10:21-22 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He? (NKJV)

Kirk Wellum "It is disingenuous to say that we love him and then live contrary to the rightful demands that he makes on our lives."

Erik Thoennes "Whenever religious reform and revival was brought about in Israel, behind it always stood a jealous leader."

Matthew 8:20-22 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head." 21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead." (NKJV)

Titus 2:14 14 [Jesus] 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. (NKJV)