

# The Jealousy of God

In this dream, I entered into the Jealousy of God. It was a very frightening experience. The clarity, purity, majesty, holiness, and unbridled power displayed were so overwhelming I said to myself several times in the dream "You are dead" "You are dead." I even pinched myself in the dream as I knew I should be dead but didn't seem to be dead quite yet. When I woke up in the morning, I actually pinched myself again as I thought I must be dead. The dream was that real.

No flesh could survive the staggering displays of power and purity I experienced. It would instantly be vaporized and destroyed. The terror of that experience stayed with me for several weeks and the memory of it is as clear as if I was still in it.

What does this mean?

This is one of God's names or definition of His character. Exodus 34:14 says: Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

While God's righteous jealousy is always at work in the lives of His children, I believe we are in a short season of getting right with God through deep repentance and brokenness of heart over the state of our own spiritual condition and the condition of the church in general. At the end of this very short grace period, God's righteous jealousy will begin to move among us in a heightened way. It seems this aspect of God's character is drawing closer daily.

Let me issue a serious word of warning: THIS IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE TRIFLED WITH OR PLAYED FAST AND LOOSE WITH. There is an urgency to get right with God. I implore you not to brush this off. Please go before the Lord and allow Him to work His deep cleansing work.

Only those who are "dead" to self and alive to God will flourish in this season.

This quote from John Piper sums this up wonderfully well:

"God is infinitely jealous for the honor of his name, and responds with terrible wrath against those whose hearts should belong to him but go after other things. For example, in Ezekiel 16:38-40 he says to faithless Israel, "I will judge you as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged, and bring upon you the blood of wrath

and jealousy. And I will give you into the hand of your lovers and they shall throw down your vaulted chamber . . . they shall strip you of your clothes and take your fair jewels, and leave you naked and bare. They shall bring up a host against you and cut you to pieces with swords."

I urge you to listen to this warning. The jealousy of God for your undivided love and devotion will always have the last say. Whatever lures your affections away from God with deceptive attraction will come back to strip you bare and cut you in pieces. It is a horrifying thing to use your God-given life to commit adultery against the Almighty.

But for those of you who have been truly united to Christ and who keep your vows to forsake all others and cleave only to him and live for his honor—for you the jealousy of God is a great comfort and a great hope. Since God is infinitely jealous for the honor of his name, anything and anybody who threatens the good of his faithful wife will be opposed with divine omnipotence."

It's up to us. Will we choose to draw near the Holy and Living God and be cleansed and transformed by His mighty power? I pray we will