

Counterfeit Gods—Defeating the Idols that Battle for Our Hearts

“He is Jealous for Me”

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Joshua 24:14-15

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Introduction:

- A. Is it okay for God to be _____?
- B. Last week, we learned that _____ can become an _____.
- C. We also learned that God has commanded that we have no other gods _____ or _____ Him.

I. Is it _____ that God is a jealous God?

- A. What the Bible says:
 - 1. Exodus 20:4-5a
 - 2. Exodus 34:12-14
 - 3. Deuteronomy 4:23-24
 - 4. Deuteronomy 6:13-15
 - 5. Ezekiel 39:25
 - 6. Zechariah 1:14

II. What does it _____ that God is a jealous God?

- A. The Hebrew word translated “jealous” literally means to become _____.
- B. Normally, the words jealousy has a _____ connotation.
- C. Jealousy can be good or bad depending on the _____ of the jealousy and the _____ for the jealousy.
- D. Godly jealousy is _____ to protect another, or to protect and preserve something that is _____.
- E. True love is never jealous _____ someone you love, but it is always jealous _____ the person you love.
- F. A good illustration of the holy jealousy of God has to do with _____.
- G. Another good illustration of the holy jealousy of God has to do with _____.
(Ezekiel 23:37)
- H. What can we conclude about God’s jealousy?
 - 1. It is a reflection of God’s _____.
 - 2. It is a _____ for us.

III. How should we _____ to God’s jealousy?

- A. We should _____ ourselves whole-heartedly to God and serve Him _____.
- B. The example of _____ and the people of Israel (Joshua 24:14-20).
- C. Interesting story about _____, the legendary basketball player.
- D. Let us choose this day whom you will _____ - As for me and my house we will serve the _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. jealous. B. anything, idol. C. before, beside. I. true, jealous. II. Mean. II.A. intensely, red. II.B. negative. II.C. object, reason. II.D. zeal, precious. II.E. of, for. II.F. parenting. II.G. marriage. II.H.1. love. II.H.2. protection. III. respond. III.A. devote, only. III.B. Joshua. III.C. Michael, Jordan. III.D. serve, Lord.