

Exodus 34:10–35:3

God's Jealousy is Good for His Bride

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Why Did God Forgive Israel?

- A. What is Forgiveness? Canceled Debt (Mt. 18)
- B. Israel at Mt. Sinai: A Story of Forgiveness
- C. Why Did God Forgive Israel?

Key Idea

Israel's debt was canceled because of God's name, His character and his jealous love.

- 1. His Name (Exodus 32:11–14)
- 2. His Character (Exodus 34:6–9)
- 3. His Jealous Love (Warning & Comfort)

Exodus 34:13–14

...you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose *name* is **Jealous**, is a *jealous* God)...

Jealous [jel-uhs]

- 1. feeling resentment against someone because of that person's rivalry, success, or advantages (often followed by): He was jealous of his rich brother.
- 4. inclined to or troubled by suspicions or fears of rivalry, unfaithfulness, etc., as in love or aims: a jealous husband.
- 5. solicitous or **vigilant in maintaining or guarding something**: The American people are jealous of their freedom.

II. God's Jealous Love Leads to...

- A. A Surprising Grace

Exodus 34:10–11

¹⁰ And he said, "Behold, ***I am making a covenant***. Before all your people ***I will*** do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see ***the work of the Lord***, for it is an awesome thing that ***I will*** do with you. ¹¹ "Observe what I command you

this day. Behold, **I will** drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

B. An Exclusive Love

Exodus 34:12–18

¹² Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. ¹³ You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim ¹⁴ (*for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God*), ¹⁵ lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they **whore** after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, ¹⁶ and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters **whore** after their gods and make your sons **whore** after their gods.

¹⁷ “You shall not make for yourself any gods of *cast metal*. ¹⁸ “You shall *keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread*. . . .

Deuteronomy 10:14–15

¹⁴ Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

¹⁵ *Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.*

Isaiah 54:5

⁵ For **your Maker is your husband**, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

“The terms of the covenant (outlined in 34:11–26) parallel closely those found in the last two sections of the ‘Book of the Covenant’ (23:14–33), except that their order is reversed.”

* Carson, D. A. (1994). *New Bible commentary : 21st century edition* (4th ed.) (Ex 33:12–34:33). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Ill., USA: Inter-Varsity Press.

C. Aim at the Heart

Exodus 34:26–28

...²⁶ *The best of the firstfruits* of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. **You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.**"

²⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."²⁸ So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

"Doctrine helps describe the God we must see; application helps us see how to love the God we have seen. But both are useless if the eyes of the heart have not been opened to see and savor the beauty of God." †

III. The Power & Beauty of God's Jealous Love

A. The Cross

B. Moses/Elijah

Luke 9:28–31

²⁸ Now ... he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, *the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.* ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, **Moses and Elijah**, ³¹ who appeared in glory *and spoke of his departure* (Exodus), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

C. Exchanging what is Good, for what is Better!

1 Peter 2:10–11

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to *abstain from the passions of the flesh*, which **wage war against your soul**.

† Greear, J.D. (2011-09-13). *Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary* (p. 90). B&H Books. Kindle Edition.

Matthew 13:44

⁴⁴ “*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure* hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then **in his joy** he goes and *sells all that he has* and buys that field.

Our Great Savior

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night overtakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He *is with me to the end.*