

(5-24-15)

LOVE IS JEALOUS!

TEXT: Song of Solomon 8:6...for **love** is strong as death; **jealousy is cruel as the grave**: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

2 Corinthians 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what **vehement desire**, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Proverbs 6:32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. 34 For **jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare** in the day of vengeance. 35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Psalms 79:5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? **shall thy jealousy burn like fire?**

Zephaniah 3:8...for all the earth shall be devoured with **the fire of my jealousy**.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: **because that the Lord is the avenger of all such**, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

"That no man should by any means endeavor to corrupt the wife of another, or to alienate her affections or fidelity from her husband..." (Clarke)

"...a decorous expression for the matter now in question; the conjugal honor of his neighbor as a husband..." (*JFB Commentary*)

"In our age, to assail the purity of wife or daughter is counted as a fearful crime against the family. The Lord is the avenger. He will punish the adulterer, or libertine."
(*People's New Testament Commentary*)

"In this matter - By violating his bed." (Wesley)

"Love is patient, love is kind *and is not jealous*..."
(*New American Standard, NASB*)

1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; **charity envieth** not...

2 Corinthians 11:2 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.

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Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, **cruel** both with wrath and fierce anger...

They keep food and water from the elderly and sick, and call it Hospice, or mercy! They abort their babies, to keep them from so-called poverty!

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"'Jealousy' is here another term for 'love,'..." (Barnes)

"*Zealous love*, jealous of all that would come between the soul and Jesus Christ..."
(*JFB Com.*)

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**...

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for **the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God**:

Deuteronomy 4:24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

"...let us keep before our minds the fact, that love, tender love, **is always jealous**; not, indeed, in the bad sense of being unreasonably suspicious, but in the good sense of being intolerant of a rival...The devil, the world, and the flesh, like the harlot at the judgment-seat of Solomon, may be content to take a part; but God, like the true mother of the child, must have the whole or none. His love is jealous love, because it is true and pure. His very name is 'Jealous:' He is the 'Jealous God' [Exod. 34:14]...He cannot take pleasure in a heart that does not choose to be wholly His; but loathes the lukewarm love, and is ready to spue the half-hearted lover out of His mouth [Rev. 3:16]. We read of Israel of old, that 'they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images; so that God was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel' [Ps. 78:58-59]..."

(Andrew Cameron, *The Family Treasury of Sunday Reading*, 1867)

"Even so is **holy jealousy**, relentlessly cruel to every creature that would interfere between the soul and the Lord Jesus Christ...to father and mother and brother and sister, whom it forsaketh and even hateth for his sake, if they come into rivalry with him...Yea jealousy is cruel as the grave, not only against all that would interfere between it and the Lord whom it loves, but against all that would do despite or dishonour to that glorious Lord...It was jealousy cruel as the grave, that in the day of Balaam's wives filled the hand of the noble Phinehas with the javelin that slew the prince of the house of Simeon; and 'it was counted to him for righteousness unto all generations, because he was zealous for his God.' It was jealousy cruel as the grave that moved Elijah, who was 'very jealous for the Lord God of hosts,' to slay the prophets of Baal...and that stirred Paul to utter the righteous and holy yet tremendous curse, 'if any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maran-atha.' **This jealousy with its grave-like cruelty, our protesting and suffering forefathers knew better than we...**"

(Alexander Moody Stuart, *Song of Songs*, 1860)

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
11 **The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her**, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Lamentations 1:8...all that honoured her **despise her, because** they have seen her nakedness:

Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 To be **discreet, chaste**, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

"*Unchaste*: Not chaste; immodest."

(Nathan Bailey, *An Universal Etymological English Dictionary*, 1770)

Zephaniah 1:8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and **all such as are clothed with strange apparel**.

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the **attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart**.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:
19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

Deuteronomy 29:19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and **his jealousy** shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him...

Ezekiel 16:35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury **and jealousy**.

1 Corinthians 10:22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

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