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[Hebrew, *qin- 'ah'*, Greek, *ze'los*]

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- According to Biblical usage, jealousy may be a positive or a negative quality or emotion.
- A calm heart is the life of the fleshly organism, but **jealousy** is rottenness to the bones. (**Proverbs 14:30**)
- And the angel who was speaking with me went on to say to me; Call out, saying; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I have been **jealous** for Jerusalem and for Zion with great **jealousy**. (**Zechariah 1:14**)
- The Hebrew noun *qin- 'ah'* variously means, **insistence on exclusive devotion, toleration of no rivalry, zeal, ardor, jealousy righteous or sinful, envying**. The Greek *ze'los* has a similar meaning.
- For I am **jealous** over you with a godly **jealousy**, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. (**2 Corinthians 11:2**)
- For I am afraid that somehow, when I arrive, I may find you not as I could wish and I may prove to be to you not as you could wish, but, instead, there should somehow be strife, **jealousy**, cases of anger, contentions, backbitings, whisperings, cases of being puffed up, disorders. (**2 Corinthians 12:20**)

- Yehowah's Jealousy

- **Yehowah describes himself as a God exacting exclusive devotion.**
- **You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting **exclusive devotion**, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (Exodus 20:5) Footnote**
- **For Yehowah your God is a consuming fire, a God exacting exclusive devotion. (Deuteronomy 4:24)**
- **You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting **exclusive devotion**, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (Exodus 20:5) Footnote**
- **You must not bow down to them or be led to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting **exclusive devotion**, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (Deuteronomy 5:9)**
- **For Yehowah your God in your midst is a God exacting **exclusive devotion**, for fear the anger of Yehowah your God may blaze against you and he must annihilate you from off the surface of the ground. (Deuteronomy 6:15)**
- **He also says; Yehowah, whose name is **Jealous**, he is a **jealous** God.**
- **For you must not prostrate yourself to another god, because Yehowah, whose name is **Jealous**, he is a **jealous** God. (Exodus 34:14)**
- **Over what and with what kind of **jealousy**? Not with the envious, selfish **jealousy** of human's. It is a **jealousy**, a zeal or ardor for his holy name, concerning which he himself says; I will show exclusive devotion for my holy name.**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Now is when I shall bring back the captive ones of Jacob and actually have mercy upon all the house of Israel, and I will show exclusive devotion for my holy name. (Ezekiel 39:25)**

•• Jealousy For His Name

- **When one considers what God's name stands for, the reason for his insistence on **exclusive devotion** becomes clear.**
- **And my anger will certainly come to its finish and I will appease my rage on them and comfort myself, and they will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken in my insistence on **exclusive devotion**, when I bring my rage to its finish upon them. (Ezekiel 5:13)**
- **His name represents all that is right and righteous. He is holy, clean, upright, loyal in the superlative degree.**
- **And this one called to that one and said; Holy, holy, holy is Yehowah of armies. The fullness of all the earth is his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)**
- **And as for the four living creatures, each one of them respectively has six wings, round about and underneath they are full of eyes. And they have no rest day and night as they say; Holy, holy, holy is Yehowah God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming. (Revelation 4:8)**
- **And I heard the angel over the waters say; You, the One who is and who was, the loyal One, are righteous, because you have rendered these decisions. (Revelation 16:5)**
- **His sovereignty is necessary to the existence of the universe, and allegiance to his sovereignty and Laws is essential to the order and peace of all creation.**
- **When the righteous become many, the people rejoice, but when anyone wicked bears rule, the people sigh. (Proverbs 29:2)**
- **For God is a God, not of disorder, but of peace. As in all the congregations of the holy ones. (1 Corinthians 14:33)**
- **His jealousy is therefore a pure, clean jealousy and is altogether for the benefit of his creatures, as their devotion brings him the Creator, Provider, and Giver of all good things no profit.**
- **Who has given me something first, that I ought to reward him?**

Under the whole heavens it is mine. (Job 41:11)

- **You are opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing. (Psalms 145:16)**
- **Or, who has first given to him, so that it must be repaid to him? (Romans 11:35)**
- **Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (James 1:17)**
- **You are worthy, Yehowah, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created. (Revelation 4:11)**
- **But in his devotion to righteousness his heart is made glad with loving appreciation when his servants stand firm for righteousness and give exclusive devotion to him.**
- **My son, if your heart has become wise, my heart will rejoice, even mine. (Proverbs 23:15)**
- **And my kidneys will exult when your lips speak uprightness. (Proverbs 23:16)**
- **Be wise, my son, and make my heart rejoice, that I may make a reply to him that is taunting me. (Proverbs 27:11)**
- **Those serving God can rely on him to establish righteousness, being confident in his zeal for his name. He illustrated his zeal in his dealings with ancient Israel, and he tells us of the destruction of earthly governments and the establishment of the government of the Prince of Peace with justice and righteousness, saying; Men, the very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this.**
- **For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us, and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)**
- **To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be**

no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (**Isaiah 9:7**)

- Therefore keep yourselves in expectation of me, is the utterance of Yehowah, till the day of my rising up to the booty, for my judicial decision is to gather nations, for me to collect together kingdoms, in order to pour out upon them my denunciation, all my burning anger, for by the fire of my zeal all the earth will be devoured. (**Zephaniah 3:8**)
- For then I shall give to peoples the change to a pure language, in order for them all to call upon the name of Yehowah, in order to serve him shoulder to shoulder. (**Zephaniah 3:9**)

•• For Righteousness

- In his love of righteousness and his insistence on **exclusive devotion**, Yehowah is impartial. Moses warned God's covenant people Israel that if anyone forsook the covenant, Yehowah's anger and his **ardor** would smoke against that man, and Yehowah would indeed wipe out his name from under the heavens.
- And it must occur that when someone has heard the words of this oath, and he has blessed himself in his heart, saying; I shall come to have peace, although I shall walk in the stubbornness of my heart, with the intention of sweeping away the well-watered one along with the thirsty ones. (**Deuteronomy 29:19**)
- Yehowah will not want to forgive him, but then Yehowah's anger and his **ardor** will smoke against that man, and all the oath written in this book will certainly settle down on him, and Yehowah will indeed wipe out his name from under the heavens. (**Deuteronomy 29:20**)
- So Yehowah will have to separate him for calamity from all the tribes of Israel in accord with all the oath of the covenant that is written in this book of the Law. (**Deuteronomy 29:21**)
- God told the apostate, idol-worshipping, immoral city of Jerusalem that he would judge her and give her the blood of rage and **jealousy**.
- And I will judge you with the judgments of adulteresses and

women shedding blood, and I will give you the blood of rage and **jealousy**. (Ezekiel 16:38)

- And I will express my ardor against you, and they must take action against you in rage. Your nose and your ears they will remove, and the remainder of you will fall even by the sword. Your sons and your daughters they themselves will take, and the remainder of you will be devoured by the fire. (Ezekiel 23:25)
- This occurred when the Babylonians destroyed the city and the temple upon which Yehowah's name had been placed, but which name they had grossly defamed.
- Nevertheless, his jealousy did not overshadow or flood out his purposes and his mercy, for Yehowah spared a remnant to return and rebuild the temple.

•• Jealousy For His People

- Because of his love for his people and because they bear his holy name, Yehowah is **jealous** for them with a fiery zeal. Just as a husband jealously protects his wife as precious to him, so Yehowah says
- For this is what Yehowah of armies has said; Following after the glory he has sent me to the nations that were despoiling you people, **for he that is touching you is touching my eyeball**. (Zechariah 2:8)
- Accordingly, because of the malicious acts of the nations toward his people, God foretold;
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I will be **jealous** for Zion with great **jealousy**, and with great rage I will be **jealous** for her. (Zechariah 8:2)
- And the angel who was speaking with me went on to say to me; Call out, saying; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I have been **jealous** for Jerusalem and for Zion with great **jealousy**. (Zechariah 1:14)
- And Yehowah will be **zealous** for his land and will show compassion upon his people. (Joel 2:18)

•• Inciting Yehowah To Jealousy

- In his insistence on **exclusive devotion**, Yehowah is not one to be mocked.
- Do not be misled! God is not one to be mocked. For whatever a man is sowing, this he will also reap. (**Galatians 6:7**)
- Any one of his servants who refuses to give him wholehearted devotion, failing to love him with his whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, is trying to serve two masters. Jesus explained that the result of this course would be disastrous, for such a man would love one master and despise the other.
- No one can slave for two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stick to the one and despise the other. You cannot slave for God and for Riches. (**Matthew 6:24**)
- Such a person is inciting Yehowah to **jealousy**.
- They began inciting him to **jealousy** with strange gods. With detestable things they kept offending him. (**Deuteronomy 32:16**)
- And Judah went on doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah, so that they incited him to **jealousy** more than all that their forefathers had done by their sins with which they sinned. (**1 Kings 14:22**)
- In a vision given to Ezekiel, Yehowah showed him **a symbol of jealousy**, evidently idolatrous, in the gateway to the temple.
- Then he thrust out the representation of a hand and took me by a tuft of hair of my head, and a spirit carried me between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem in the visions of God, to the entrance of the inner gate that is facing northward, where the dwelling place is of **the symbol of jealousy** that is inciting to jealousy. (**Ezekiel 8:3**)
- And he proceeded to say to me; Son of man, please, raise your eyes in the direction of the north. So I raised my eyes in the direction of the north, and, look! To the north of the gate of the altar there was this **symbol of jealousy** in the entranceway. (**Ezekiel 8:5**)

- For Judah's turning away from **exclusive devotion** to him, Yehowah's **jealousy** burned against them.
- The apostle Paul says to Christians;
- You cannot be drinking the cup of Yehowah and the cup of demons; You cannot be partaking of the table of Yehowah and the table of demons. (**1 Corinthians 10:21**)
- Or, are we inciting Yehowah to **jealousy**? We are not stronger than he is, are we? (**1 Corinthians 10:22**)
- They, for their part, have incited me to **jealousy** with what is no god. They have vexed me with their vain idols. And I, for my part, shall incite them to jealousy with what is no people. With a stupid nation I shall offend them. (**Deuteronomy 32:21**)
- He points out that if a Christian practices sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, he can look forward only to judgment and, a fiery **jealousy** that is going to consume those in opposition.
- For if we practice sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice for sins left. (**Hebrews 10:26**)
- But there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there is a fiery **jealousy** that is going to consume those in opposition. (**Hebrews 10:27**)

·· Jesus Christ

- The Son of God, being more intimate with his Father than any other of his creatures, and better able to emulate him and reveal him to others, could say; He that has seen me has seen the Father also.
- Jesus said to him; Have I been with you men so long a time, and yet, Philip, you have not come to know me? He that has seen me has seen the Father also. How is it you say; Show us the Father? (**John 14:9**)
- All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is

- willing to reveal him. ([Matthew 11:27](#))
- No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. ([John 1:18](#))
 - Consequently his **zeal** and **jealousy** for righteousness and his Father's name exceeded that of all others.
 - You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you with the oil of exultation **more than your partners**. ([Hebrews 1:9](#))
 - You have loved righteousness and you hate wickedness. That is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of exultation **more than your partners**. ([Psalms 45:7](#))
 - He at all times rendered **exclusive devotion** to Yehowah.
 - Then Jesus said to him; Go away, Satan! For it is written: It is Yehowah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. ([Matthew 4:10](#))
 - And he that sent me is with me, he did not abandon me to myself, because I always do the things pleasing to him. ([John 8:29](#))
 - When on earth, his heart burned with heated zeal, with **jealousy** because of the defamation of Yehowah's name that was being brought by money-loving merchants in the temple.
 - Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ([John 2:13](#))
 - And he found in the temple those selling cattle and sheep and doves and the money brokers in their seats. ([John 2:14](#))
 - So, after making a whip of ropes, he drove all those with the sheep and cattle out of the temple, and he poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ([John 2:15](#))
 - And he said to those selling the doves; Take these things away from here! Stop making the house of my Father a house of merchandise! ([John 2:16](#))

- His disciples called to mind that it is written: The zeal for your house will eat me up. (**John 2:17**)
- **Just as he there fulfilled the prophecy at;**
- For sheer **zeal** for your house has eaten me up, and the very reproaches of those reproaching you have fallen upon me. (**Psalms 69:9**)
- **Sheer **zeal** for your house has eaten me up, so his followers can be sure of his **zeal** for completely establishing everlasting righteousness, justice, and respect for Yehowah's name and sovereignty in fulfillment of the prophecy at;**
- Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one, with your dignity and your splendor. (**Psalms 45:3**)
- And in your splendor go on to success. Ride in the cause of truth and humility and righteousness, and your right hand will instruct you in fear-inspiring things. (**Psalms 45:4**)
- Your arrows are sharp, under you peoples keep falling. In the heart of the enemies of the king. (**Psalms 45:5**)
- God is your throne to time indefinite, even forever, the scepter of your kingship is a scepter of uprightness. (**Psalms 45:6**)

•• **Worshippers Of God With Exclusive Devotion**

- **All who have been true worshipers of God have exercised **zeal** for his service and **jealousy** for his name. The prophet Elijah, who did powerful works in turning many in Israel back from false worship to the worship of Yehowah, said,**
- To this he said; I have been absolutely **jealous** for Yehowah the God of armies, for the sons of Israel have left your covenant, your altars they have torn down, and your prophets they have killed with the sword, so that I only am left, and they begin looking for my soul to take it away. (**1 Kings 19:10**)
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killed with the sword, so that I only am left, and they begin looking for my soul to take it away. (1 Kings 19:14)

- **Phinehas demonstrated devotion that pleased God and saved Israel from extermination by his zeal in killing a chieftain of Israel who had contaminated the camp by bringing in filthy phallic Baal worship. This was because, as an Israelite and a priest, Phinehas was tolerating no rivalry at all toward Yehowah.**
- **Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest has turned back my wrath from upon the sons of Israel by his tolerating no rivalry at all toward me in the midst of them, so that I have not exterminated the sons of Israel in my insistence on exclusive devotion. (Numbers 25:11)**
- **Then he said; Do go along with me and look upon my toleration of no rivalry toward Yehowah. And they kept him riding with him in his war chariot. (2 Kings 10:16)**
- **The Christian congregation must exercise the same jealous watch, that no unclean thing should spring up as a poisonous root to cause trouble and defile many.**
- **Carefully watching that no one may be deprived of the undeserved kindness of God, that no poisonous root may spring up and cause trouble and that many may not be defiled by it. (Hebrews 12:15)**
- **If anyone corrupt should slip in and try to defile others, the congregation must exercise earnestness, clearing itself before Yehowah with indignation and zeal. They must remove the wicked man from among them.**
- **That in the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are gathered together, also my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus. (1 Corinthians 5:4)**
- **You hand such a man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 5:5)**
- **While God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves. (1 Corinthians 5:13)**

- For, look! This very thing, your being saddened in a godly way, what a great earnestness it produced in you, yes, clearing of yourselves, yes, indignation, yes, fear, yes, longing, yes, zeal, yes, righting of the wrong! In every respect you demonstrated yourselves to be chaste in this matter. (2 Corinthians 7:11)
- Certainly, although I wrote you, I did it, neither for the one who did the wrong, nor for the one who was wronged, but that your earnestness for us might be made manifest among you in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 7:12)
- It is good, therefore, for Christians to exercise **a godly jealousy** in behalf of fellow Christians. That is, they should be burning with the desire to do all they can to assist one another to maintain **exclusive devotion** to God and obedience to Christ.
- The apostle Paul likened those who were his spiritual brothers to a virgin engaged to Christ as his prospective bride. He was **jealously** protecting them so that they could be preserved unblemished for Christ.
- For I am **jealous** over you with a godly **jealousy**, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2)
- Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself. (Revelation 19:7)
- Yes, it has been granted to her to be arrayed in bright, clean, fine linen, for **the fine linen stands for the righteous acts** of the holy ones. (Revelation 19:8)
- His zeal for them is demonstrated in many expressions in his letters to the Corinthian congregation and to others. And the **jealousy** that Christ himself has for his bride.
- And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. (Revelation 21:9)
- Is shown in his strong statements to the congregations as recorded in (Revelation Chapters 1-3)

· Inciting To Jealousy In A Proper Way

· Yehowah showed mercy to the nation of Israel after all except a remnant had rejected the Messiah. The remnant of believing Jews was the beginning of the Christian congregation. Yehowah's favor was now upon it rather than the rejected Jewish nation. Yehowah demonstrated this change of dealing by signs and portents and powerful works.

· How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was verified for us by those who heard him. ([Hebrews 2:3](#))

· While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of Holy Spirit according to his will? ([Hebrews 2:4](#))

· He opened the way for Gentiles to come into his favor. But he did **not close the door** on Israel altogether. As the Scriptures point out; Did they all Israelites stumble so that they fell completely? Never may that happen! But by their false step there is salvation to people of the nations, to incite them to **jealousy**.

· Therefore I ask, Did they stumble so that they fell completely? Never may that happen! But by their false step there is salvation to people of the nations, to incite them to **jealousy**. ([Romans 11:11](#))

· This was what Yehowah, centuries beforehand, had said he was going to do, which resulted in the saving of some.

· They, for their part, have incited me to **jealousy** with what is no god. They have vexed me with their vain idols. And I, for my part, shall incite them to **jealousy** with what is no people. With a stupid nation I shall offend them. ([Deuteronomy 32:21](#))

· Nevertheless I ask, Israel did not fail to know, did they? First Moses says; I will incite you people to **jealousy** through that which is not a nation. I will incite you to violent anger through a stupid nation. ([Romans 10:19](#))

· The apostle Paul, who earnestly sought the good of fellow Israelites, followed this principle, saying; Forasmuch as I am, in

reality, an apostle to the nations, I glorify my ministry, if I may by any means incite those who are my own flesh to **jealousy** and save some from among them.

- Now I speak to you who are people of the nations. Forasmuch as I am, in reality, an apostle to the nations, I glorify my ministry. (**Romans 11:13**)
- If I may by any means incite those who are my own flesh to jealousy and save some from among them. (**Romans 11:14**)
- Brothers, the goodwill of my heart and my supplication to God for them are, indeed, for their salvation. (**Romans 10:1**)

· Misdirected Zeal

· One may be sincerely **zealous**, or **jealous**, for a certain cause and yet be wrong and displeasing to God. That was true of many of the Jews of the **First Century**. They looked for righteousness to come to them through their own works under the Mosaic Law. But Paul showed that their **zeal was misdirected because of lack of accurate knowledge**. Therefore they did not receive the real righteousness that comes from God. They would have to see their error and turn to God through Christ to receive righteousness and freedom from the condemnation of the Law.

- Brothers, the goodwill of my heart and my supplication to God for them are, indeed, for their salvation. (**Romans 10:1**)
- For I bear them witness that they have a **zeal** for God, but not according to accurate knowledge. (**Romans 10:2**)
- For, because of not knowing the righteousness of God but seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. (**Romans 10:3**)
- For Christ is the end of the Law, so that everyone exercising faith may have righteousness. (**Romans 10:4**)
- For Moses writes that the man that has done the righteousness of the Law will live by it. (**Romans 10:5**)
- But the righteousness resulting from faith speaks in this manner; Do not say in your heart; Who will ascend into heaven? That is,

- to bring Christ down. (**Romans 10:6**)
- Or, Who will descend into the abyss? That is, to bring Christ up from the dead. (**Romans 10:7**)
 - But what does it say? The word is near you, in your own mouth and in your own heart, that is, the word of faith, which we are preaching. (**Romans 10:8**)
 - For if you publicly declare that word in your own mouth, that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. (**Romans 10:9**)
 - For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation. (**Romans 10:10**)
 - Saul of Tarsus was one of such, being extremely **zealous** for Judaism to the point of excess, **persecuting the congregation of God and devastating it**. He was scrupulously keeping the Law as one who proved himself blameless.
 - You, of course, heard about my conduct formerly in Judaism, that to the point of excess I kept on persecuting the congregation of God and devastating it. (**Galatians 1:13**)
 - And I was making greater progress in Judaism than many of my own age in my race, as I was far more **zealous** for the traditions of my fathers. (**Galatians 1:14**)
 - As respects **zeal**, persecuting the congregation, as respects righteousness that is by means of law, one who proved himself blameless. (**Philippians 3:6**)
 - Yet his **jealousy** for Judaism was a misdirected one. He was sincere of heart, for which reason Yehowah exercised undeserved kindness through Christ in turning him to the way of true worship.
 - I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who imparted power to me, because he considered me faithful by assigning me to a ministry. (**1 Timothy 1:12**)
 - Although formerly I was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man. Nevertheless, I was shown mercy, because I was

ignorant and acted with a lack of faith. (1 Timothy 1:13)

• Jealousy And Envy

- A person who shows **improper jealousy** suspects others without adequate cause or resents the diversion to another of what he unjustifiably claims as his own. An envious person **discontentedly desires or covets the good fortune and attainments of others.**
- The context often determines the sense in which the Hebrew words usually translated, **jealous** or **jealousy**, but sometimes **envy**, are used in the Bible. The same is true of the **Greek** word for **jealousy**, but the **Greek** language also has a separate word, *phtho'nos*, for **envy**.
- In the Corinthian congregation of the **First Century**, ambitious men had come in, calling attention to themselves, boasting in men, and they were bringing about strife in the congregation.
- The congregation was split into factions **jealously** looking to, **exalting, and following men**. Paul pointed out that such **jealousy** was **fleshly, not spiritual**.
- For you are yet fleshly. For whereas there are **jealousy** and strife among you, are you not fleshly and are you not walking as men do? (1 Corinthians 3:3)
- For I am afraid that somehow, when I arrive, I may find you not as I could wish and I may prove to be to you not as you could wish, but, instead, there should somehow be strife, jealousy, cases of anger, contentions, backbitings, whisperings, cases of being puffed up, disorders. (2 Corinthians 12:20)
- He explained that godly love is not **jealous** in an improper way but, rather, is trusting and hopeful, always acting in the interests of others.
- Love is long-suffering and kind. **Love is not jealous**, it does not brag, does not get puffed up. (1 Corinthians 13:4)
- Does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. It does not keep account of the injury. (1 Corinthians 13:5)
- It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures

all things. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

- **Jealousy** of the kind that Paul spoke against in the Corinthian congregation is not righteous. It is not in behalf of **exclusive devotion** to Yehowah. Rather, it is a form of idolatry, demonic in origin, and it breeds envy and strife.
- The Bible repeatedly warns against it, showing that it affects the heart itself. Jesus half brother James wrote,
 - But if you have bitter **jealousy** and **contentiousness** in your hearts, do not be bragging and lying against the truth. (James 3:14)
 - This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is the **earthly, animal, demonic**. (James 3:15)
 - For where **jealousy** and **contentiousness** are, there disorder and **every vile thing are**. (James 3:16)
 - As in the daytime let us walk decently, not in revelries and drunken bouts, not in illicit intercourse and loose conduct, not in strife and **jealousy**. (Romans 13:13)
 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct. (Galatians 5:19)
 - Idolatry, practice of spiritism, enmities, strife, **jealousy**, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects. (Galatians 5:20)
 - Envy, drunken bouts, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. (Galatians 5:21)
- **Jealousy** of the wrong kind has a detrimental effect on ones physical health, for a calm heart is the life of the fleshly organism, but **jealousy** is rottenness to the bones.
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 - **Jealousy** results from **harboring suspicion or resentment within oneself**. It can be more destructive than rage or anger because it may

be more deep-rooted, more lasting and persistent, and less easily assuaged. Usually **reason is thrown to the wind**.

- There is the cruelty of rage, also the flood of anger, but who can stand before **jealousy**? (**Proverbs 27:4**)
- And the **jealousy** of a man who is righteously enraged toward another who commits adultery with his wife will not accept any sort of excuse or ransom.
- Anyone committing adultery with a woman is in want of heart. He that does it is bringing his own soul to ruin. (**Proverbs 6:32**)
- A plague and dishonor he will find, and his reproach itself will not be wiped out. (**Proverbs 6:33**)
- For the rage of an able-bodied man is **jealousy**, and he will not show compassion in the day of vengeance. (**Proverbs 6:34**)
- He will have no consideration for any sort of ransom, neither will he show willingness, no matter how large you make the present. (**Proverbs 6:35**)
- The wrong kind of **jealousy** can bring a person to a point where he sins against God, as did the ten half brothers of Joseph.
- And his brothers grew **jealous** of him, but his father observed the saying; (**Genesis 37:11**)
- And the family heads became **jealous** of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. But God was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 7:9**)
- It can lead to loss of life for an individual and others involved, as it did in the case of Dathan and Abiram and members of their households.
- And they began to envy Moses in the camp, even Aaron the holy one of Yehowah. (**Psalms 106:16**)
- The earth then opened up and swallowed down Dathan, and covered over the assembly of Abiram. (**Psalms 106:17**)

- Worse yet, **jealousy** prompted unbelieving Jews to commit serious crimes toward the apostles and, in addition, blasphemy and attempted murder.
- When the Jews got sight of the crowds, they were filled with **jealousy** and began blasphemously contradicting the things being spoken by Paul. (**Acts of Apostles 13:45**)
- But the Jews stirred up the reputable women who worshiped God and the principal men of the city, and they raised up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them outside their boundaries. (**Acts of Apostles 13:50**)
- But Jews arrived from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds, and they stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, imagining he was dead. (**Acts of Apostles 14:19**)

•• Marital Jealousy

- **Jealousy** of one toward his, or her, mate is good if it is a **proper jealousy**, a zeal for the mates benefit and well-being. But **improper jealousy**, or **mistrust without foundation**, is wrong and lacking love, and it can result in ruin to the marriage.
- Love is long-suffering and kind. Love is not **jealous**, it does not brag, does not get puffed up. (**1 Corinthians 13:4**)
- It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (**1 Corinthians 13:7**)
- Under the Mosaic Law, provision was made for cases of **jealousy** where the husband suspected his wife of secret adultery. If there were not the required two witnesses to prove the accusation so that the human judges could act to apply the death sentence, the procedure prescribed by the Law was that the couple should present themselves before Yehowah's representative, the priest.
- This action constituted an appeal to Yehowah, who was aware of all the facts, for his judgment. If adulterous, the woman received, as a direct punishment from Yehowah, the loss of her procreative powers. If the husbands jealousy was unfounded, then he had to acknowledge her innocence by having sex relations with her, so that she could bear a child.

- **And Yehowah went on to speak to Moses, saying; (Numbers 5:11)**
- **Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them; In case any man's wife turns aside in that she does commit an act of unfaithfulness against him. (Numbers 5:12)**
- **And another man actually lies down with her and has an emission of semen, and it has been hidden from the eyes of her husband and has remained undiscovered, and she, on her part, has defiled herself but there is no witness against her, and she herself has not been caught. (Numbers 5:13)**
- **And the spirit of **jealousy** has passed upon him, and he has become suspicious of his wife's faithfulness, and she in fact has defiled herself, or the spirit of **jealousy** has passed upon him, and he has become suspicious of his wife's faithfulness, but she in fact has not defiled herself. (Numbers 5:14)**
- **Then the man must bring his wife to the priest and bring her offering along with her, a tenth of an ephah of barley flour. He must not pour oil upon it nor put frankincense upon it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, a memorial grain offering bringing error to remembrance. (Numbers 5:15)**
- **And the priest must bring her forward and make her stand before Yehowah. (Numbers 5:16)**
- **And the priest must take holy water in an earthenware vessel, and the priest will take some of the dust that happens to be on the floor of the tabernacle, and he must put it in the water. (Numbers 5:17)**
- **And the priest must make the woman stand before Yehowah and loosen the hair of the woman's head and put upon her palms the memorial grain offering, that is, the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest there should be the bitter water that brings a curse. (Numbers 5:18)**
- **And the priest must make her swear, and he must say to the woman; If no man has lain down with you and if while under your husband you have not turned aside in any uncleanness, be free of the effect of this bitter water that brings a curse. (Numbers 5:19)**

- **But you, in case you have turned aside while under your husband and in case you have defiled yourself and some man has put in you his seminal emission, besides your husband. (Numbers 5:20)**
- **The priest must now make the woman swear with an oath involving cursing, and the priest must say to the woman; May Yehowah set you for a cursing and an oath in the midst of your people by Yehowah's letting your thigh fall away, and your belly swell. (Numbers 5:21)**
- **And this water that brings a curse must enter into your intestines to cause your belly to swell and the thigh to fall away. To this the woman must say; Amen! Amen! (Numbers 5:22)**
- **And the priest must write these cursings in the book and must wipe them out into the bitter water. (Numbers 5:23)**
- **And he must make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings a curse must enter into her as something bitter. (Numbers 5:24)**
- **And the priest must take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand and wave the grain offering to and fro before Yehowah, and he must bring it near the altar. (Numbers 5:25)**
- **And the priest must grasp some of the grain offering as a remembrancer of it and must make it smoke upon the altar, and afterward he will make the woman drink the water. (Numbers 5:26)**
- **When he has made her drink the water, it must also occur that if she has defiled herself in that she committed an act of unfaithfulness toward her husband, the water that brings a curse must then enter into her as something bitter, and her belly must swell, and her thigh must fall away, and the woman must become a cursing in among her people. (Numbers 5:27)**
- **However, if the woman has not defiled herself but she is clean, she must then be free from such punishment, and she must be made pregnant with semen. (Numbers 5:28)**
- **This is the Law about **jealousy**, where a woman may turn aside while under her husband, and she does defile herself. (Numbers**

5:29)

- Or in the case of a man where the spirit of jealousy may pass upon him, and he does suspect his wife of unfaithfulness, and he must make the wife stand before Yehowah, and the priest must carry out toward her all this Law. (**Numbers 5:30**)
- And the man must be innocent of error, but that wife will answer for her error. (**Numbers 5:31**)

•• God's Servants Are Warned Against Rivalry

- Rivalry or competition, so common in the present system of things, is not fitting. The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes says: I myself have seen all the hard work and all the proficiency in work, that it means the **rivalry**, Hebrew, *qin- 'ath'*, of one toward another, this also is vanity and a striving after the wind.
- And I myself have seen all the hard work and all the proficiency in work, that it means the **rivalry** of one toward another, this also is vanity and a striving after the wind. (**Ecclesiastes 4:4**)
- Let us not become **egotistical**, stirring up competition with one another, envying one another. (**Galatians 5:26**)
- By being **jealous** of others successes, possessions, or accomplishments, the servant of God may develop **envy** and **covetousness**, even going so far as being envious of those who are bad but who prosper.
- The Scriptures warn that this should not be, though the time may seem long that they prosper, they will receive quick judgment at God's time, as it is written:
 - Do not show yourself heated up because of the evildoers. Do not be envious of those doing unrighteousness. (**Psalms 37:1**)
 - For like grass they will speedily wither, and like green new grass they will fade away. (**Psalms 37:2**)
- **Envy** of such ones can lead a person into copying their violent ways, detestable to Yehowah.
- Do not become **envious** of the man of violence, nor choose any of

his ways. (**Proverbs 3:31**)

- For the **devious** person is a detestable thing to Yehowah, but His intimacy is with the upright ones. (**Proverbs 3:32**)
- Let your heart not be **envious** of sinners, but be in the fear of Yehowah all day long. (**Proverbs 23:17**)
- Do not be **envious** of bad men, and do not show yourself craving to get in with them. (**Proverbs 24:1**)
- Do not show yourself heated up at evildoers. Do not become **envious** of wicked people. (**Proverbs 24:19**)
- As for me, my feet had almost turned aside, my steps had nearly been made to slip. (**Psalms 73:2**)
- For I became **envious** of the boasters, when I would see the very peace of wicked people. (**Psalms 73:3**)
- Until I proceeded to come into the grand sanctuary of God. I wanted to discern their future. (**Psalms 73:17**)
- Surely on slippery ground is where you place them. You have made them fall to ruins. (**Psalms 73:18**)
- O how they have become an object of astonishment as in a moment! How they have reached their end, have been brought to their finish through sudden terrors! (**Psalms 73:19**)
- For my heart was soured and in my kidneys I was sharply pained. (**Psalms 73:21**)
- And I was unreasoning and I could not know, I became as mere beasts from your standpoint. (**Psalms 73:22**)
- But I am constantly with you. You have taken hold of my right hand. (**Psalms 73:23**)