

A Jealous God

- Nahum 1:1-8 -

- A. Oprah Winfrey has been promoting a “New Age” teaching which denies the deity of Jesus and the power of God. Her thoughts have developed since she heard a Baptist preacher proclaim God’s nature: omniscience, omnipresent, omnipotent, and that God is a jealous God.
- B. Her ideas stem from a book written by Eckhart Tolle. He says God is a “feeling experience” not a “believing experience”. If God is a “believing experience for you, then it is not truly God”...

1. God: _____ As A _____

- A. The Old Testament law provided a husband who was jealous for his wife (**Num 5:12-31**) This “test of adultery” proved whether the woman was guilty or not...
- B. Note what is said in **Exodus 20:3-5** and **Exodus 34:6,7,14**. God’s covenant with Israel betrothed Israel to Him and Him ALONE...
- C. Israel rebelled against God and made images of wood, gold, brass, (EX: **Exo 32:4**) and proclaim these are the gods which give us life.
- D. Consider the jealous of God as it relates to the husband and wife in **Ezekiel 16:30-33, 38**. God did everything to bring them back...
- E. In the New Testament, man is said to have “*changed the glory of the incorruptible God*” (_____) and “*whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things*” (_____)

2. _____

- A. God is jealous of His sovereignty (dominion, rule), that is why Pharaoh and Egypt was plagued (**Exo 5:2; Deut 32:21**)...
- B. God’s sovereignty is why self-righteousness is an abomination (**Judges 21:25**), and trying to hold to both God and mammon is condemned (**Matt 6:24**)...
- C. God is jealous for his “*holy name*” (**Ezek 39:25**), because there is no one besides Him (**Deut 4:39; Isa 46:9; Jer 10:6,7**)
- D. Since God is alone, the only one, we are to deal with is Him in a way that is unlike dealing with anything or anyone else: (**Exodus 20:3; Matt 4:10**) **Example: Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:28-33)**.

3. _____ -- _____

- A. Man’s jealousy is often tied to another’s possessions or successes. It manifests itself in criticism, spiteful remarks out of fear of losing a position or popularity (EX: Cain of Abel, Sarah of Hagar, Joseph’s brothers of Joseph, Saul of David, King Herod toward Jesus).
- B. God does not compete with that. He has all things (**Acts 17:24-28**).
- C. God’s jealousy is out of love for us and wanting the best for us.
- D. God’s jealousy is when someone gives something that belongs to Him to another. He is the _____ one to be served, worshipped, and praised.
- E. God’s jealousy was demonstrated in Phinehas (**Num 25:1, 10,11**).
- F. God wants us to be zealous with His jealousy.
- G. Are we jealous because God wants to save all (**2 Pet 3:9**)? Who are we to decide who God will or will not save? God is not content with a few, He desires more (EX: **Luke 15:6,7; Matt 20:1-16**)
- H. Notice God’s plan to redeem Gentiles and Jews in **Rom 9:19-33**
- I. Are we afraid of the power of righteousness (**Romans 1:16,17**)?
- J. Look at the lukewarmness of Laodicea in **Rev 3:15**. They were reprov'd to “*Be zealous*” (v.19)...
- K. Paul demonstrated the jealousy of God toward others we need in **2 Cor 11:2**. He would do everything he could to make sure these Christians would stay married to Christ. Note **Acts 20:24**
- L. We need to be jealous with His jealousy. Does the zeal for the house of God eat us up (**Ps 69:9; Jn 2:17**)?