

Sabbath-school Panel Notes for Kenny Shelton.

The week of January 18-24, 2025

Title: “God Is Passionate and Compassionate”

Lesson 4

Wednesday “A Jealous God”

A Jealous God?

1. This is often misunderstood.
2. God is called compassionate, jealous, and a consuming fire—**Deuteronomy 4:24**.

Do we have an evil jealousy, a divine jealousy, or a godly jealousy? Is our jealousy a righteous jealousy?

The Bible tells us in **1 Corinthians 13**, that love is NOT jealous.

Is God’s jealousy different than ours?

Read **Deuteronomy 6:13-15**. Three things become clear:

- a. We are to fear or reverence God,
- b. We are to serve God,
- c. We are to swear an oath to God—meaning to bind yourself to Him with an obligation from which nothing can break, or separate, you from Him.

“Swear” is translated from the same root word as the number “7”! Meaning that we are complete in Him; perfection is found in Him.

We are not to have other gods before Him, **Exodus 20**. In fact, **Deuteronomy 6:14** indicates that we will not even mention the name of other gods! God states that there are no other gods. **Jeremiah 5:7 & Joshua 24:19, 20**.

1 Corinthians 13:4—Love is not jealous, “Love envieth not.” Only TRUE love can drive out jealousy. We are to be content with our God-given spiritual gifts while desiring a “more excellent way,” **1 Corinthians 12:31**.

Desire a greater spiritual walk; build up the body of Christ--“love is not jealous.”

2.

Envy or jealousy can/is a most dreadful condition in the human life. Lucifer was overcome with jealousy and, thus, lost his position in Heaven. **Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:14, 15**. Satan is working to implant this curse into human hearts; sadly, with a great deal of success!

Divine Jealousy

2 Corinthians 11:2

Paul speaks about passionate love. Paul says, “I am jealous,” meaning; enthusiastic and the pursuit of good.

Humanly speaking, jealousy often has negative connotations. But divine jealousy has no negative implications.

Let us all strive to have a heavenly jealousy and love one for another!

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