

Exodus 34:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

The command 'worship no other god' leads to profound theological truth: 'the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God' (יְהוָה קָנָה שְׁמָוֹת, qanna shemo). Divine jealousy is not petty envy but righteous zeal for covenant fidelity. God's jealousy is His passionate commitment to His people and His glory. Just as marital jealousy protects the marriage covenant, God's jealousy guards His relationship with His people from adulterous idolatry.

Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern contexts, deities were often seen as territorial or tribal. Israel's God claims universal sovereignty and exclusive worship rights.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How is God's jealousy different from sinful human jealousy?
2. What does God's jealousy reveal about the intimacy He desires with His people?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	H3808	For thou shalt worship	God	H3588	no other	H3068	for the LORD	H410	H312	H1931	H7067	H8034	H410	H7067	H1931

Additional Cross-References

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

Deuteronomy 32:21 (References God): They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

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

Matthew 4:10 (Worship): Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Nahum 1:2 (References God): God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

Deuteronomy 29:20 (References Lord): 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, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

Deuteronomy 6:15 (References God): (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 32:16 (References God): They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

Joshua 24:19 (References God): And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

Isaiah 9:6 (References God): For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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