

# Proverbs 6:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

## Analysis

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Jealousy is a husband's fury; he will show no mercy in the day of vengeance. The Hebrew 'qinah' (jealousy/zeal) describes righteous protective passion. The betrayed husband's rage is justified. 'Chamal' (spare/show mercy) indicates that mercy will not moderate justice. Adultery violates covenant and wounds love profoundly. The personal nature of sexual sin produces uniquely intense response. This warns: don't expect mercy from those you've deeply betrayed.

## Historical Context

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Mosaic Law prescribed death for adultery (Leviticus 20:10). Though enforcement varied, the severity reflected adultery's covenant-breaking gravity. In cultures where law didn't prosecute, wronged husbands often took personal vengeance. This verse warns that adultery provokes justifiable wrath. Song of Solomon 8:6 describes love's jealousy as 'cruel as the grave' - betrayed love burns with fierce anger.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding adultery's profound betrayal affect your view of marital faithfulness?
2. What forms of 'adultery' (spiritual, emotional) might provoke God's jealous fury similarly?
3. How should recognizing the wounded party's justified anger inform your approach to sin and repentance?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	קִנְיָה	הַמַּת	גַּבְרָה	וְלֹא	יִחַם וְלֹא
H3588	For jealousy	is the rage	of a man	H3808	therefore he will not spare
	H7068	H2534	H1397		H2550
וּבַיּוֹם	נִקְמָה:				
in the day	of vengeance				
H3117	H5359				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 27:4** (Parallel theme): Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

**Song of Solomon 8:6**: Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: 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.