



**Lesson 40 (1 Samuel 17:25-40): A matter of perspective**

Throughout the Bible, the majority of references (especially in the Old Testament) regarding the word “jealous” reflect God. God expresses His jealousy for His people when they seek after false idols, when they turn from Him and turn to anything else. Read Deuteronomy 4:23-24. What does this passage say might provoke God to jealousy?

What kind of jealousy?

Read Galatians 5:16-26. What are listed as works of the flesh?

What are listed as fruit of the Spirit?

Are the fruit of the Spirit something we can attain on our own? Why/why not? (Consider: works of the flesh vs work of the Spirit)

Read James 3:13-18. What will come where there is jealousy?

What will come with wisdom from above? Is that something that man can attain on his own?

Why/why not?

Read Psalm 28:6-7. This is a Psalm of David. David describes God as his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ here? (verse 7)

Read Psalm 44:4-8. What does the Psalmist say he does not trust in here?

In what does the Psalmist boast? Why?

Read Psalm 56:1-4. Where does David put his trust when he is afraid?

What does he not fear? (verse 4)

David puts to words in the Psalms what we can see in 1 Samuel; that he relied on God for his armor in battle, that he relied on God for his strength and he didn't fear anything any man could do to him. So complete was his trust, that he didn't even trust in his weapons as much as he trusted in God. As you spend time with God today, consider what you put your trust in.

Is it in your wealth? Your knowledge? Your skills? Your government? If your trust is in anything but God, your trust is misplaced. Talk to God and ask Him to show you His faithfulness and to help you to let go of the fear that you hold onto and trust in Him today.