



## **Lesson 42 (1 Samuel 18:1-11): Jealousy vs delight**

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Read Deuteronomy 4:20-24. What characteristic is given to God in verse 24?

Can God sin?

Knowing that God is perfect, holy, and just, is jealousy, as itself, a sin?

All throughout Scripture, God describes Himself as jealous and as an angry God, but it isn't the kind of jealousy and anger we attribute such negative results to, because God is perfect.

Read Exodus 34:10-16. As in Deuteronomy 4, what is God jealous of?

God is deserving of our whole heart to glorify and praise Him. He is the only one who is deserving of our whole heart. He is the only one who is every justifiably jealous when we place idols in front of Him.

Read Romans 13:8-14. List the behaviors of one who is still walking in darkness.

Notice that jealousy and quarrelling are listed amongst other behaviors of a "self-gratification" nature. What does that tell you about the source of jealousy and quarreling?

Read James 3:13-4:10. In this passage, jealousy is described from human terms and also in terms of God being jealous. Make a list of the results of human jealousy.

Why might our friendship with the world cause God to be jealous?

According to chapter 4:7-10, what must we do to combat the jealousy and adulterous nature of our hearts?

Why is being “wretched” and “mourning and weeping” part of this process?

From the context of the passage, what would you be feeling wretched and mourning and weeping about?

Read Romans 12:9-21. How are we to love one another?

What are we to outdo one another in?

What might this look like in your life?

What are we to do to those who curse us?

Consider how “living in harmony” with one another reflects on verse 15.

What are we to do with those who rejoice? With those who weep?

What does verse 19 tell us we are never to do? Why not?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to show you where your focus is on your own glory, instead of His. Ask Him to help you to be able to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to be content to bloom in the role He has planted you in....for His glory, always.