

## The Lord is a Jealous God

*Question: What attributes / characteristics of God do we tend to celebrate and sing about?*

***Jealousy—a powerful emotion that’s sinful or sanctified.***

- ◆ What comes to mind when you think of jealousy?
- ◆ Can you think of some examples of sinful, biblical jealousy?
- ◆ Why is God’s jealousy sanctified? Ex. 20:5a, 34:14, Deut. 4:23, 24, Josh. 24:16,19. Consider the special relationship God has with His people, Ex.19:5b, 20:2, Ezek. 16:8b, Hos. 2:19.
- ◆ For God not to be jealous for His people would be incredible!

***Jealousy—a reason God fights to regain His people.***

- ◆ God’s viewpoint, Jer. 3:1ff., 20, Ezek. 16:15ff., Hos. 4:15
- ◆ God’s response, Dt. 32:21a, Ezek. 16:38, 23:25, Nah. 1:2
- ◆ God’s ultimate goal, Jer. 3:14ff., Zech. 8:2,3, Ezek. 39:25.

***Jealousy—a driving force we need for God and others.***

How should God’s jealousy impact us?

- ◆ Remember our position in Christ: II Cor.11:2, Eph. 5:22-33, Rev.19:7-9 / Js. 4:4,5. What is James quoting here?
- ◆ Realize the consequences of unfaithfulness to Christ, Gal. 6:7,8, Rev. 3:15,16, I Cor. 3:13-15, II Jn. 7,8
- ◆ Respond with appropriate jealousy, Num. 25:1ff., II Cor. 11:2

