

# PART I

## GOOD Jealousy

In Exodus 20:3-5 we read:

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: FOR I THE LORD THE GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD . . ." (Emphasis mine).

God is a jealous God. Since God is good and God is light and in Him is no darkness, there is a jealousy that is good.

Good jealousy is that which is based on the desire for us who are subordinate to God to worship and serve Him. It is desire that there be no divided loyalties, nor any loyalty to any being or entity other than the ONE who is deserving our reverence.

God's jealousy is a righteous jealousy!

In Exodus 34:12-15 we read:

"Take heed to thyself lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land wither thou goest, lest it be a snare in the midst of thee.

But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is jealous, IS A JEALOUS GOD:(emphasis mine) Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice . . ."

Here we are warned of the dangers of worshipping other gods. Most of us don't bow down before statues or graven images today (although there are some who belong to a certain religious organization who do).

Nevertheless, how many of us are bowing down to ideas and philosophies that are not of God. How many bow down to worship the god of success? How many bow down to worship the god of happiness? How many bow down to the gods of acceptance and political correctness?

There are many! And God is not pleased!

To the degree that we love these other things more and will change our focus, our attention and our behavior away from what He desires to these other things, He is not pleased.

For He is a jealous God and His jealousy is righteous. In Numbers chapter 5 we see another righteous jealousy which is when a man is jealous of his wife. We read in Numbers 5:11-18:

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;

And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY (emphasis mine) come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:

Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:

And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water:

And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse . . ."

It is righteous for a man to be jealous of his wife.

Why?

Because he is a "type" or pattern of God upon the earth. And she is a type or pattern of the Church.

In 1 Corinthians 11:3 and 7, 8, 9 we read:

"But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God . . ."

vs. 7 "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

vs. 8 For the man is not of the woman, but the woman is of the man.

Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man.

So a man has a right to demand that his wife be faithful to only him. He has a right to be jealous if she goes in to any other man. However the reverse is not true. There is no test of jealousy for a woman. She has no right to be jealous if her husband takes another wife. Nowhere in Scripture does God give a command to test the spirit of jealousy for a woman.

## PART II

# BAD Jealousy

This brings us to bad jealousy, which is often referred to in Scripture as envy or envying.

"Wrath is cruel and anger is outrageous: but who is able to stand before envy?" Proverbs 27:4.

It was because of envy that Jesus was delivered over to Pilate for persecution and crucifixion.

"Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him . . ." Matthew 27:4.

Many were jealous of the many followers of Jesus. Therefore, they felt the need to get rid of him. "Without Jesus we can have the people's attention focused on us," the priests must have thought.

This is jealousy or envy that is EVIL! It is motivated by Satan and his wicked spirits. In Acts 13:44, 45 we read:

"And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming."

Even today many ministers are filled with envy because another minister has a larger church or a more prosperous ministry. This type of envy is evil and wicked. It shows that believers who have this evil envy are babes in Christ.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3:

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you ENVYING, and STRIFE, and DIVISIONS, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

God wants us to rise above the carnality of evil envy and jealousy. This evil envy is listed in Romans 1 as one of the characteristics of those given over to a reprobate mind.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of ENVY,

murder, debate, deceit, malignity . . ."

32 "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worth of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them."

Galatians 5:16 - 26 admonishes us to avoid the works of the flesh and to walk in the Spirit. Then we can manifest the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance. It finishes by saying in verses 25 and 26,

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, ENVYING one another."

Finally in James 3:14-16 we read:

"But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, DEVILISH, For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

In recent years God has begun to restore many truths to His Body of believers. Among these truths is the understanding that plural wives in a family is not a sin.

In the USA and the Western world this truth is fought bitterly, especially by wives who have a wrong type of jealousy. They believe they have the right to be jealous of a husband who shows attention to another woman. The Bible gives them no such right. Yet many are ready to murder their husbands verbally if not literally if they consider marrying an additional wife. This jealousy and envy of other women is of the devil and it is evil.

Because of this wrong type of jealousy many women can never marry and have children in a society that stresses monogamy as the only right form of marriage.

Western society has now for centuries stressed the "monogamy is the only right way" position and has trained men and women that this wrong teaching is justified.

We must begin to speak the truth so that this can be changed among those who truly love God and therefore have ears to hear.

Since 2 Corinthians 6:14 says "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers" and since the number of Christian women is greater than the number of Christian men, many of our precious sisters are doomed to never being able to marry and have children.

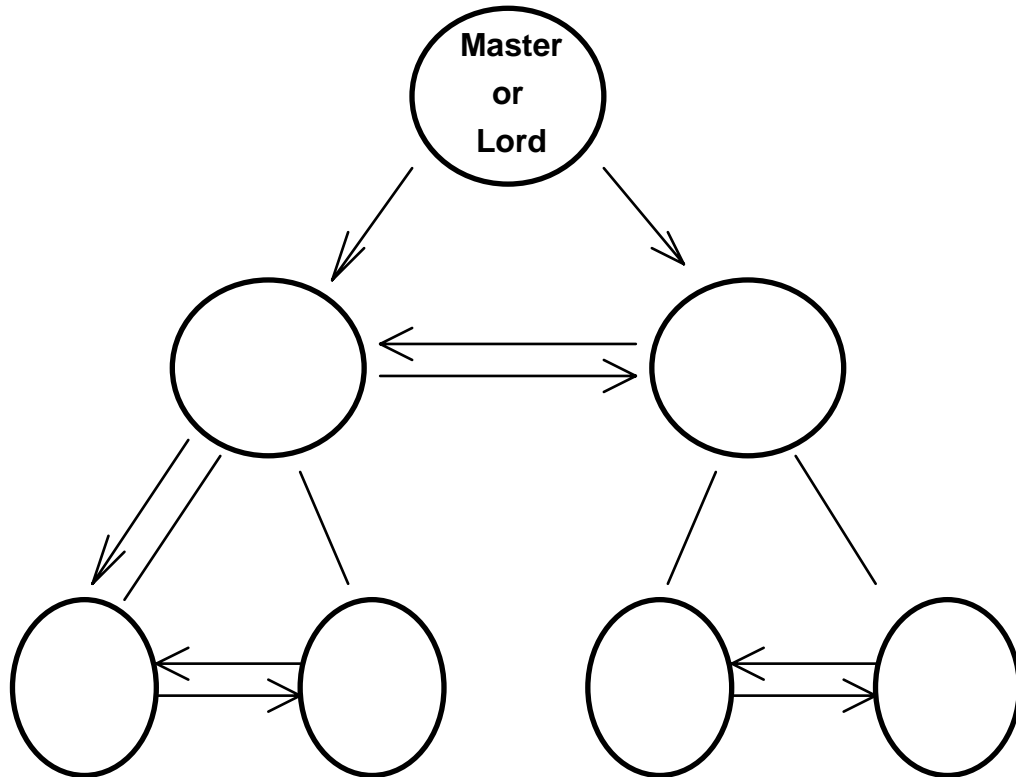
Today God is calling forth men who can be bold enough to speak out and right this wrong.

To achieve a correction, Christian women must lay aside carnality and put away wrong

types of envy and jealousy. Then their sisters in the Lord can be blessed with the love of a husband as they no longer think they can require the sole allegiance of their husbands.

In the past we have discussed the point that when one is the master or lord over another as placed by God, then it is appropriate or good jealousy to expect and demand the single minded devotion of a subordinate. The prime example is God's jealousy of us.

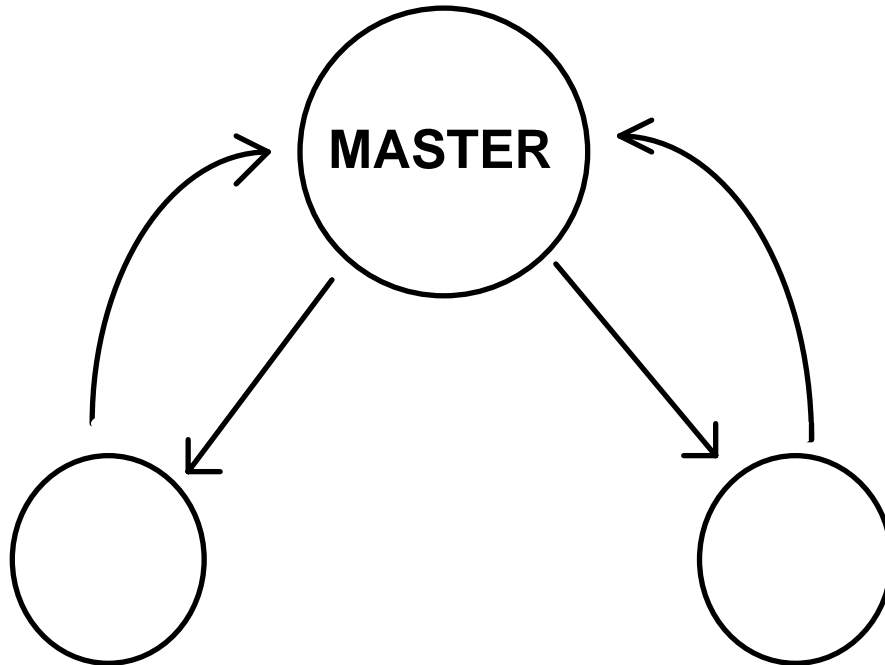
Likewise it is bad jealousy (or it is called envy in Scripture) to be covetous of the placement or rewards of a peer who is under the same master or lord. (Please see chart).



There is another jealousy (or envy) that is even worse. This is the envy of the position of the master above us. This is the envy that Lucifer (Hillel in Hebrew) had (has). It was this envy to be in the position of Christ, that is to be like God and to exalt himself above the position in which God had placed him that caused him to fall and made him Satan

(adversary).

Actually Satan (Lucifer, Hillel) had both the horizontal jealousy as well as the upward vertical jealousy which is an abomination, but that is a very deep story that we will leave for the advanced Bible students.



Why do we say that to covet the position of one's God appointed master or lord is an abominable jealousy? Because it entails rebellion against the station at which one has been placed and against the God anointed leader or covering.

In 1 Samuel 15:23, we read "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as idolatry."

In Deuteronomy 18:10-12 we see that witchcraft is among the abominations for which the heathen people were driven out of the land.

Lucifer (Hillel's) rebellion against God and desire to exalt himself above the clouds was such an abomination.

When mankind fell, first through Eve's failure to submit to her husband Adam and submission to Satan and followed by Adam's also partaking of the fruit in direct violation of the command of God, he took on the nature or received into his soul the characteristics of Satan.

There is therefore in man what is often called the Adamic nature. Scripture refers to it as "the flesh" and /or carnality.

this nature is there and embedded in each person that is born. Consequently a child does not have to be taught to be selfish, covetous or envious. It is in there when they are born.

Proverbs says "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from them."

Parents know that at a certain age as the child learns right from wrong will purposely and willingly disobey the parent.

Many have observed a child in play with several toys. There might remark about what a joyful angel he or she is as they watch them play. Then if another child comes in, and the parent gives one of the many toys to the other child with which that child can play, the first child will walk or even crawl across the floor and take it back and say "mine!"

The child does not have to be taught to be selfish or envious; that trait is a part of his Adamic carnal flesh nature.

AS the child grows up under proper guidance, many of these tendencies are overcome in large measure for most people.

Still, they lurk in the background and Satan's evil spirit helpers will occasionally push the "button" so to speak and these evil envyings and self jealousies will rear their ugly heads even in adults. It only takes a fiery trial in the area of weakness to bring it to the surface.

In Proverbs it speaks of purifying silver seven times.

We've been told that in the process of purification, metal is heated and melted down and the impurities rise to the top. Then the impurities can be removed.

For us to have our impurities -- including wrong jealousies and evil envyings -- removed, we must go through fiery trials which bring those to the surface. Often we are unaware that such things are even in us until we meet that trial, that test, that fire that will bring it to the surface.

Our reaction can be one of two things. We can seek to escape the fire and run to a place where we can cool off but retain the impurity. Or we can face the ugliness in our soul and ask God to cleanse the sin from us.

Notice that I did not say cleans the sins (plural). The sins are the acts that are in disobedience to God that we have committed. The sin is the nature of evil within us.

Paul says in Romans 7:15-25,

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

As we seek to climb to a higher position in God’s Holy mountain we must be purified. We must go through the fiery trials to bring the sin nature buried within us to the surfaced so we can recognize what wretched people we are and then submit to the scalpel of god to remove this “cancer” of sin from us.

If we avoid this spiritual surgery we sill never qualify to reach the top of the mountain.

I did not say that one would not be saved. I said without the removal of the sin nature or said another way, without the purging of the sin, we can not be the overcomers of God, the bride of Christ.

For in his bride there is “neither spot, nor blemish, nor wrinkle, nor any such thing.”

Each of us must ask ourselves, “Am I willing to accept God’s position and station for me? Am I willing to put aside every envy and selfishness and every evil jealousy to win Christ? Do I just want fire insurance, which is merely to miss hell and make heaven, or do I want to be part of the bride of Christ?”

If I truly want to make it to the top, I must be willing to submit to the one God has placed over me and I must not desire to usurp his position or authority. I must subdue the nature of Satan and embrace the nature of Christ. See Colossians 2:5-8:

“For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Only in this way can evil jealousy and Satanic envying be put away.

## PART III

In Parts One and Two we showed that there is a good type of jealousy, which is one that requires the devotion of a subordinate to only one master or lord.

We also showed that there is a bad type of jealousy which is often called envy directed toward a peer.

Then we showed that there is a jealousy or envy that seeks to be above or replace one's

master or lord. This, we pointed out, is an abomination. That is the type of jealousy/envy that Lucifer (Hillel in Hebrew) had when he said "I will exalt my throne above the stars."

Now let's go through the word of God and point out some of these types of bad jealousies.

The first was the temptation to Eve when the serpent said if she partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil she would be as God. Eve desired to be in a position that God had not assigned her. In essence, she envied God's position and partook of the fruit.

The next is when Cain killed Abel. He was angry when his sacrifice was rejected and Abel's was accepted. He was envious of his brother's acceptance. His envy brought anger and his anger drove him to murder his brother.

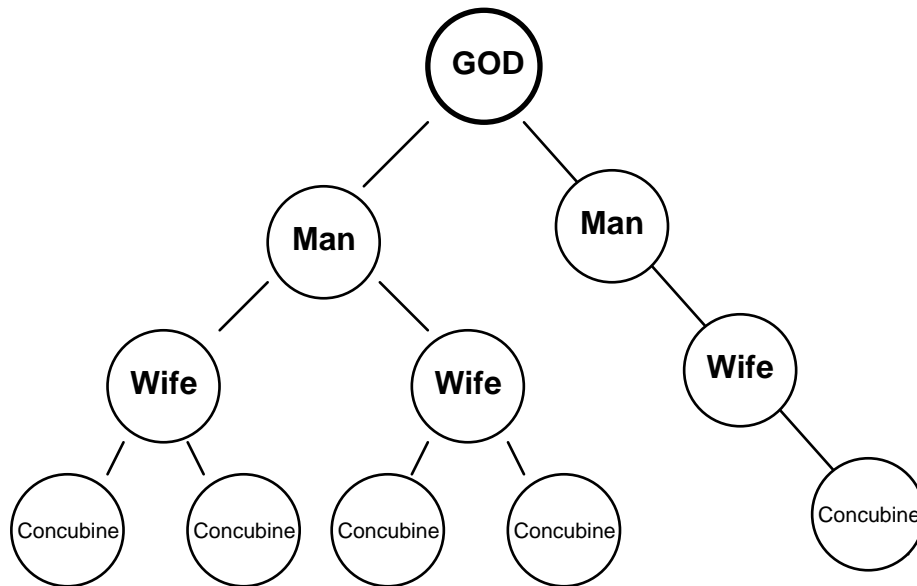
We see the sin nature that entered into Adam and Eve when they partook of the fruit. This sin nature, which is Satan's nature, has been passed down. Just as certain physical characteristics are passed down to one's children through genetics, the sin nature is also passed down to the children by a type of "spiritual genetics."

Satan was a murderer, Jesus said in John 8:44. Now Cain is a murderer.

The next time that we see this evil enviousness being manifested is when Hagar and her son Ishmael begin to mock Sarah.

One must remember that Abraham was the lord over Sarah but Sarah was the mistress over Hagar. Hagar as a handmaid was a concubine, which is a wife who does not have rights of inheritance. AS such, she was still under Sarah's direction.

Hagar's gloating over having the son Ishmael and harassing Sarah was the type of abomination that we have spoken of where a subordinate desires the position of the superior. this is an intolerable situation, and just as Lucifer (Hillel) had to be removed from heaven, so Hagar had to be removed from the family.



The chart shows the potential structure of order.

God over the man, the man over his wife or wives, the man and wife over her handmaidens, which may also be concubines (lesser wives).

It is important for each one to recognize his or her station and not be jealous or envious of what others receive on the same plane, nor desire to be above the plane of existence that God has chosen for us.

The next instance of jealousy at which we want to look is that between Leah and Rachel.

Jacob loved Rachel because she was beautiful. A woman's beauty will often appeal to the carnal man because he is motivated by the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life.

As we know, Laban tricked Jacob by having him work seven years for Rachel and then given him Leah. He then required him to work seven more years for Rachel.

Since Jacob loved Rachel, God favored Leah with the first born sons. Rachel became jealous and demanded that Jacob give her children, to which Jacob declared that he was not God. This shows that God can choose to show favor on whom he will and it is not our position to question why out of jealousy.

It is sometimes said that the reason that the man should not have more than one wife is because they might become jealous of each other. They usually point out along with this that Sarah and Hagar had problems, Rachel and Leah had minor jealousies and Peninnah made fun of Hannah when she could not have children.

However, this only shows that the carnal side of women can be manifested in marriage.

This carnal side can be manifested even in monogamous marriage, only in a different way.

Furthermore there are many more cases of plural wives in marriage where there is no mention of strife between the wives. Let's name a few of the men who had more than one wife where there is no mention of strife among wives. These would include: Lamech, Manasses, Asher, Caleb, Moses, Gideon, Saul, David, and Joash to name a few.

So there is no guarantee or promise that wives will always be jealous of each other.

## PART IV

One of the most obvious and blatant displays of bad jealousy in the book of Genesis is

exhibited when Joseph has dreams from God where he is exalted above his brethren. When he shares these dreams his brothers, who are older, hate him and desire to kill him.

We know from the story (see Genesis) that he was thrown into a pit and saved from death by one brother, , and then sold into slavery.

We see in this story many of the elements of who Satan is. He is a liar, and a murderer.

The older brothers felt envy which led to hatred, which led to murderous intentions and then lying to their father about what became of Joseph.

These carnal, fleshly, sin natures lie dormant in humans. When a certain circumstance or situation arises, they flare up. When they flare up, if they are not dealt with, evil spirits which attach themselves and exacerbate them even further.

Instead when the circumstance (fiery trial) brings them to the surface in us, we should recognize what it is and that it is evil and demonic and we should ask God to remove it from us.

Silver is purified as it goes through the fire. See Psalms 12:6. We must not be jealous of the one that God has chosen to exalt.

In Numbers chapter 16 we see another incident where bad jealousy or envy leads to anger and rebellion. In this chapter we see where Korah and Dothan lead a rebellion, claiming that the whole congregation is holy and therefore equal to Moses and Aaron. Their rebellion provokes the Lord and the ground opens up and they are swallowed by the earth as they go down live into the pit.

Once again we can see how much God detests evil envying which leads to anger and rebellion, or murder and lying.

Once again, I say, if we find the bad jealousy or evil envying within us we must seek God's help to root it out!

## PART V

In 1 Samuel 25:42, 43 we see that David takes two wives almost simultaneously. They are Abigail and Ahinoam. There is not mention of any jealousy or strife between these two wives.

Today in the West a man is told that he must choose one or the other. In a very subtle

form this has elevated the wife to being the master. One can only serve one master. Jesus said so himself in Matthew 6:24. However, a master can have many servants or helpers. The woman was made for man. She is his helpmeet. See Genesis 2:20 and 1 Corinthians 11:9.

Today in the West in many if not most cases, the woman sits as a queen bee. Her husband is as a drone (a bee with no stinger (no power) whose purpose it is to impregnate the queen) and or a worker bee (one who slaves for the queen).

This matriarchal system is an abomination before God and yet most males and females have been so well indoctrinated into the system that almost everyone truly believes it is blatantly wrong for a man to have affection for more than one woman.

It is called “cheating” and people are constantly indoctrinated by every method possible, including government education, media and religious institutions.

Only those willing to adhere to the word of God rather than tradition are able to break free of this brainwashing.

In 1 Samuel 30: we see a situation that occurs where David’s wives and other women of his camp were taken captive. David and four hundred of his men go to fight and retrieve their women. This is righteous jealousy. The zeal to protect those who are subordinate and not allow their affections to be turned to another. In verse 18 of 1 Samuel 30 David rescued his two wives.

This story is a “type,” or picture, of Christ coming to receive his bride.

David, which means “beloved,” went down and rescued his two wives. Jesus, the beloved Son, came down to earth and then down to hell to set the captives free. In Ephesians 4:8-10 we read:

“Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)”

The plurality of members in the bride of Christ is seen in the plurality of David’s wives.

## PART VI

Absolom, the most handsome son of King David, also exhibits the characteristic of abominable envy, or wrong type of jealousy.

Absolom desires to be king, so he stills the hearts of the people by telling them privately that his judgments would be kinder than his father David's would be and that he would also be for the people.

This is again a typology of Satan. As an angel before his fall, he was most beautiful and

he desired to be above his station.

David fled and told his followers not to hurt Absalom. This shows the heart of the Lord toward his creation.

Nevertheless, it became necessary to remove Absalom from this plane of existence. Lucifer (Hillel in Hebrew) also had to be removed from that plane of existence where God and his faithful angels dwell.

XXXX XXXX Lucifer and XXXX we see beauty that leads to pride, envy, rebellion and what I call the spirit of Jezebel (that spirit that wishes to rule above God's appointed position). When we find this type of evil envying within us, it must be rooted out!

Again we see jealousy & ENVY in the book of Daniel. In chapter 3 we read of certain Chaldeans who accused Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego of not bowing down to King Nebuchadnezzar's idol. Yes it was true that they wouldn't bow down but the accusation was made to the king, no doubt, because of their envy.

It is often the case amongst the natural man (unsaved people) and the carnal man (saved babies in the Lord who still think like the unsaved) that their bad jealousies or envy causes them to reveal things with a desire to destroy the people of God who are XXXX or materially or spiritually prospering.

We also take note, though, that although the Hebrew boys Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace all bound up, they were seen loose walking in the midst of the fire.

The XXXX lesson to be learned is that when God allows us to go through the fire, the only thing that burns up is that which binds us up.

Daniel is also later accused because of jealousy. In chapter six of the book of Daniel we read, “. . . then Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel . . .”

Since most people know this story from Daniel chapter six I won't take the space to quote it all here.

They had the king make a law saying no one could XXXX any God but him would be cast into a den of lions. Daniel continued to kneel and pray three times a day, and gave thanks before God.

He was then thrown into the lion's den, but God shut the mouths of the lions and the next morning Daniel was still there.

Daniel was taken out of the den but the men who accused him out of evil jealousy and

envy and their wives and children were thrown in. The Bible records that their bones were broken in pieces as soon as they came to the bottom of the den.

Evil jealousy and envy will lead to destruction!

## PART VII

In the New Testament we see that it was because of evil jealousy or envy that Jesus was delivered over to his tormentors. See Matt 27:18: "For he knew that for envy they had delivered him."

Also Mark 15:9, 10: "But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy."

Just as Joseph and Daniel and others in the Old Testament were almost killed because of envy, Jesus was delivered up because of this evil jealousy -- called envy -- and went to the cross.

In Acts 13:45 we see another instance of envy raising its ugly head: “But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.”

Not only were the Jews in Antioch XXXX moved to envy against Paul, but also the Jews in Thessalonica were moved with envy as well.

Acts 17:5: “But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.”

Some people even preach out of envy as we see it in Philippians 1:15: “Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will.”

In Timothy 6:3, 4 we find that envy is born from pride: “If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings.”

Those that assume they have no pride should take note when evil envy rises up within them. For God jealousy or envy is based in pride.

If one reads Titus 3:1-8 he will find that when we were lost we walked in such things as foolishness, disobedience, and being deceived we served XXXX lusts and pleasures, living in malice and ENVY, hateful and hating one another.

Now as saved people though it should be our goal and desire to rise up above such devilish works of the flesh, putting aside bad jealousy or envy along with other works of the flesh.

There is Good Jealousy and bad jealousy. Let us move in Good Jealousy, and avoid the bad jealousy like the plague that it is.