I want to KNOW YOU: the Attributes of God JEALOUS

LESSON 19 questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

1. What truth, verse, or insight has helped you know better the reality of God's **Omnipresence**?

- 2. Pray and ask God to open your heart and mind to truths about **His jealous** character that are harder to grasp and appreciate. How would you typically define both the <u>negative</u> and the <u>positive</u> aspects of **jealousy**?
- 3. God unveiled Himself as a **Jealous** God from the very beginning. What do these verses say about His **jealous** character?
 - Exodus 20:3-6 (1st & 2nd commandments)
 - Exodus 34:14

<u>Note</u>: **Ezekiel 16** is an allegory of God's **jealous** love for Jerusalem, beginning with His Love as a Father and then as a Husband.

- 4. a) From Ezekiel 16:1-5, how does God portray Jerusalem's origin and birth?
 - b) In **V6-7**, what shocks you about the condition she was in when God passed by, and how did He respond to her?
 - c) From **V8**, what touches you about the actions God took, and what do you think this meant for the relationship?
- 5. a) What are some of the ways God showered His affection on Jerusalem in:
 - V9-13a

• V13b-14

- b) How is 1 Kings 10:4-7, 23-24 an example of this "fame" in V14?
- 6. Detail how she repaid God for all He had done for her from **V15-19**.
- 7. From **V20-22**, how do you see the Father's **jealous** love as He described Jerusalem's horrific sins?
- 8. a) In **V23-29**, what are the four nations she prostituted herself with?
 - b) What point was her Jealous Husband making (about how her lovers left her feeling) in V28-29?
- 9. a) From **V32-41**, summarize what God intends to do as punishment given His **jealous** anger. Give careful attention to the part God does (indicated by "I") versus what the lovers do (indicated by "they").

What God does

What the lovers do

- b) Do you think He was justified? Why or why not?
- 10. God declared to unfaithful Jerusalem, "I will put a stop to your prostitution." (**V41b**) He did this through the punishment of a 70-year exile to Babylon.
 - a) How could this be like a separation in a marriage (versus a divorce) after unrepentant infidelity?
 - b) As you read **V42**, what shift happened with God's **jealous** anger?
- 11. a) **V59-60** contain multiple references to the covenant between God and Jerusalem first mentioned in **V8**. How had Jerusalem treated the covenant, and what did the Lord promise to do?
 - b) How are God's actions an outpouring of His Jealous Love? (See 2 Timothy 2:13 for insight.)

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- 12. a) Read **V62-63**. What is the ultimate expression of His **Jealous** Love in **V63a**? What does that reality stir in you?
 - b) What were the lengths to which God would go to "make atonement"? (See Romans 3:25a.)
- 13. a) Bearing in mind Israel's promiscuity and prostitution, what astounds you when you read **Jeremiah 31:3-4** (especially God's reference to virgin Israel?
 - b) How do these verses help you better understand His Jealous Love for you?
 - Romans 5:8
 - Song of Songs 8:6
- 12. a) From what you now know about God, whose name is **Jealous**, what is sobering to you about the anger of God in response to idolatry?
 - b) Reflect on the state of your own heart. What things vie for the devotion that is rightly owed to God alone?

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- 1. Scripture addresses human **jealousy** as well as the righteous **jealousy** of the Lord. According to these verses, how is **jealousy** described and, in contrast, how are believers to conduct themselves:
 - Romans 13:13
 - 1 Corinthians 3:3
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:2-3. What does Godly jealousy look like as expressed by Paul?
- 3. How does God's **jealousy** differ from sinful **jealousy**?
- 4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: Exodus 34:14
 - b) How will the verses you have studied lead you to pray for yourself or for others?

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NAME PRAYER REQUEST

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