

What does it mean, Jehovah is a jealous God?

Jealous - 07067 qanna' {kan-naw'} from 07065; TWOT - 2038b; adj AV - jealous 6; 6 1) jealous (only of God)

Jealous - 07065 qana' {kaw-naw'} a primitive root; TWOT - 2038; vAV - jealous 10, envy 9, jealousy 5, envious 4, zealous 2, very 2, zeal 1; 33 1) to envy, be jealous, be envious, be zealous 1a) (Piel) 1a1) to be jealous of 1a2) to be envious of 1a3) to be zealous for 1a4) to excite to jealous anger 1b) (Hiphil) to provoke to jealous anger, cause jealousy

Jealous - 07072 qannow' {kan-no'} for 07067; TWOT - 2038c; adj AV - jealous 2; 2 1) jealous

Jealous - 2206 zeloo {dzay-lo'-o} from 2205; TDNT - 2:882,297; v AV - zealously affect 2, more with envy 2, envy 1, be zealous 1, affect 1, desire 1, covet 1, covet earnestly 1, misc 2; 12 1) to burn with zeal 1a) to be heated or to boil with envy, hatred, anger 1a1) in a good sense, to be zealous in the pursuit of good 1b) to desire earnestly, pursue 1b1) to desire one earnestly, to strive after, busy one's self about him 1b2) to exert one's self for one (that he may not be torn from me) 1b3) to be the object of the zeal of others, to be zealously sought after 1c) to envy.

Jealousy - 07068 qin'ah {kin-aw'} from 07065; TWOT - 2038a; n f AV - jealousy 25, zeal 9, envy 8, for my sake 1; 43 1) ardour, zeal, jealousy 1a) ardour, jealousy, jealous disposition (of husband) 1a1) sexual passion 1b) ardour of zeal (of religious zeal) 1b1) of men for God 1b2) of men for the house of God 1b3) of God for his people 1c) ardour of anger 1c1) of men against adversaries 1c2) of God against men 1d) envy (of man) 1e) jealousy (resulting in the wrath of God)

As we can see with these definitions there are not as many uses of jealous in the bible as many of the other attributes of God. In the King James Version of the bible there are 16 uses of the word jealous and jealousy is used 31 times. We are going to once again look at the use of these words as the word refers to man and to God and how only God has the right to act upon His jealousy in judgment. We will discuss having a wife and being jealous and the effects it has on the one who is jealous. We will see how jealousy effects the one who is the object of jealousy and what can result from the jealousy of man, and therefore why it is not a good attribute for man to experience.

Ex. 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a **jealous (7067)** God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; When one is lost and their children are also lost and refuse Jesus like their parents did; things only get worse in that family and God visits the iniquity of the father upon the children as long as they continue to reject the grace of God through the acceptance of Jesus.

Ex 34:13-17 13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: {images: Heb. statues} 14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name [is] **Jealous (7067)**, [is] a **jealous (7067)** God: 15 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; 16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. 17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

Not only are we to reject false religion and false teaching we are to have no fellowship with it. We need to bring the light of the Gospel into the darkness of false teachings and cults. We are to pray for them but we do not need to fellowship with them. **2 Cor. 6: 17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you. This means us today. The word "sanctify" means to separate from profane things and dedicate to God.

What a scripture says about jealousy between a husband and wife:

Num. 5:12-18 12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 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]; 14 And the spirit of **jealousy (7068)** come upon him, and he be **jealous (7065)** of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of **jealousy (7068)** come upon him, and he be **jealous (7065)** of his wife, and she be not defiled: 15 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 (7068)**, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. 16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD: 17 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: 18 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 (7068)** offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse.

Remember the incident of the woman caught in adultery and brought to Jesus. The religious leaders wanted to get something on Jesus if He did not answer the way they wanted Him to. Jesus made it clear we are all in need of forgiveness and mercy.

The above scripture does not give a man the right to physically harm his wife, even if she is guilty of immorality. There needs to be an effort to be positives about an indiscretion. We need to remember Jesus tells us to forgive 70x7 and he does not say just when it is easy to forgive. So we see the example of Gomer and Hosea. I realize this is referring to the idolatry of Judah but in truth this story is a picture of God's love and compassion and forgiveness toward any who will repent. God does come to a point when He will judge a nation or individual and bring an end to their willful sin. When we make that decision, to no longer forgive someone we need to be reminded of: **Micah 6:8** He hath shewed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? **James 2:12** So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. **Matt. 5:7** Blessed [are] the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. The same mercy we show others will be shown to us.

Num. 5:25-31 25 Then the priest shall take the **jealousy (7068)** offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar: 26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, [even] the memorial thereof, and burn [it] upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water. 27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, [that], if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, [and become] bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. 29 This [is] the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside [to another] instead of her husband, and is defiled; 30 Or when the spirit of **jealousy (7068)** cometh upon him, and he be **jealous (7065)** over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. 31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

Man was encouraged to come to God when **jealousy** occurred. In seeking God's answer there were certain things man was obliged to do, and not to make a decision out of anger. Otherwise, after there is proof of an indiscretion there is still room for mercy. As we look at these scripture we see it is speaking as to the law not grace, mercy or forgiveness. If we want to be under the law for one thing we must be ready to be judged by the law. Are any of us ready to be judged by the law without the blood of Jesus, which come through grace? Not I. The woman was given a chance to seek God to provide proof of her innocence.

Num. 25:11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my **jealousy (7068)**. Intercessory prayer is still needed today.

Deut. 4:23,24 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, [or] the likeness of any [thing], which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For the LORD thy God [is] a consuming fire, [even] a **jealous (7067)** God.

Deut. 5: 9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a **jealous (7067)** God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me,

Deut. 6:14-16 14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which [are] round about you; 15 (For the LORD thy God [is] a **jealous (7067)** God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. 16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted [him] in Massah.

Deut. 29:20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his **jealousy (7068)** shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

Deut. 32:16 They provoked him to **jealousy (7068)** with strange [gods], with abominations provoked they him to anger.

Deut. 32:21 They have moved me to **jealousy (7065)** with [that which is] not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to **jealousy (7065)** with [those which are] not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

1 King 14:22,23 22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to **jealousy (7065)** with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

Ps.78:58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to **jealousy (7065)** with their graven images.

Pro.6:32-35 32 [But] whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he [that] doeth it destroyeth his own soul. {understanding: Heb. heart} 33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. 34 For **jealousy (7068)** [is] the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gift

Let's remember when God acts on His jealousy it is not done momentarily. It is not done without all the other attributes being active. God has had longsuffering, and mercy and in love God will need to bring judgment to assure future generations they must not do things God says makes him jealous.

Josh. 24:18-23 18 And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: [therefore] will we also serve the LORD; for he [is] our God. 19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he [is] an holy God; he [is] a **jealous (7072)** God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. 20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. 22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye [are] witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, [We are] witnesses. 23 Now therefore put away, [said he], the strange gods which [are] among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

Nahum. 1:2 God [is] **jealous (7072)**, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and [is] furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth [wrath] for his enemies.

Zech. 1:14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am **jealous (7065)** for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great **jealousy (7068)**.

Zech. 8:2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was **jealous (7065)** for Zion with great **jealousy (7068)**, and I was **jealous (7065)** for her with great fury.

2 Cor.11:2 For I am **jealous (2206)** over you with godly **jealousy (2205)** for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

Sometimes when the word jealous is used toward man; he could be covetous, or envious toward the object of their jealousy. We know God tells us not to covet anything someone else has and not to be envious he wants us to be satisfied with what he has given us, and not feel slighted because someone else might have things we do not have. Let's look at some of the uses of envious and see what God has to say about man developing any of these attributes.

In the following several verses the word envy has the same root word as jealous or jealousy in the above verses, the other uses in the New Testament are not from the same root word and have a different meaning. For more understanding on this subject you can also look at the word covetous or covet which have a different root word and meaning than jealous but you will see none of these characteristics are a good thing for man to have.

Job 5:2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and **envy (7068)** slayeth the silly one. This is speaking about the one who is envious or wrathful, not the one he is envious of or wrathful toward.

Pro. 3:31 **Envy (7065)** thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

Pro. 14:30 A sound heart [is] the life of the flesh: but **envy (7065)** the rottenness of the bones.

As you see the Strong's number for envy here it is the exact same root word for jealous (quana).

Pro. 23:17 Wrath [is] cruel, and anger [is] outrageous; but who [is] able to stand before **envy (7068)**?

Pro. 27:4 Let not thine heart **envy (7065)**: sinners but [be thou] in the fear of the LORD all the daylong.