

Jealousy Over You

“Don’t Grieve the Holy RUACH [Spirit]”

I. SCRIPTURE

James 4:5 – “Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the RUACH [Spirit] that He has made to dwell in us?’”.

II. FIVE (5) CRAZY JEALOUSY STORIES

1. JEALOUS SAUDI HUSBAND DIVORCES HIS WIFE AFTER KISSING A HORSE

A Saudi man divorced his wife after discovering a picture of her kissing a horse on social media. The unnamed woman said she had published the photo of her equine smooch at a farm near Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, herself.

She added that her divorce has not made her regret kissing the horse, and that she was not upset by splitting from a man who cannot distinguish between humans and animals. She also said she is very proud of the picture as it expresses her love for Arabian horses.

2. BRITAIN’S MOST JEALOUS WOMAN MAKES HER MAN TAKE LIE DETECTOR TEST EVERY TIME HE LEAVES THE HOUSE

A woman who makes her husband take a lie detector test to prove he has been faithful every time he leaves the house has been diagnosed with a rare condition that causes delusional jealousy. Debbi Wood, 42, of Leicester, is so paranoid that her partner Steve Wood, 30, will stray that she also checks his phone, email accounts, and bank statements several times a day for evidence of infidelity.

Mr. Wood, who started dating Debbie in 2011 after they met through a friend, is even banned from watching women on television or looking at pictures of them in magazines.

Doctors have discovered that the woman is suffering from Othello Syndrome, a psychiatric disorder which causes sufferers to believe their partners have been unfaithful – even without evidence.

3. JEALOUS GIRLFRIENDS JUMP IN RIVER, FORCING BOYFRIEND TO CHOOSE

A man found himself in a sticky situation when his current girlfriend and his ex both threw themselves into a river, to see which one he loved the most.

Confused Wu Hsia, 21, had broken up with long-term girlfriend Jun Tang, 20, after meeting new love 22-year-old Rong Tsao. However, over the following three (3) months, jilted Jun kept hassling him to get back with her. Wu decided to arrange a meeting between the three of them.

When they gathered together in Ningbo, in eastern China's Zhejiang province, the situation went from bad to worse. The girls began arguing. The man's ex-girlfriend felt insulted by a comment made by his current girlfriend, so she jumped into the river and called for her former lover to save her. His current squeeze, fearing that he might indeed jump in to save his ex-lover, then jumped in as well. Both then began calling for him to rescue them from drowning.

Wu settled the matter by jumping in the water to save his current girlfriend, and then taking her to hospital. He called his brother to rescue his ex, who in turn called the fire brigade. They arrived at the scene and helped the heartbroken woman out of the water.

4. THE PRESIDENT REACTS TO WOMAN'S JEALOUS BOYFRIEND

A voter standing beside President Barack Obama as he was casting his early ballot for the 2014 midterm elections in Chicago warned the Commander-in-Chief: "Don't touch my girlfriend."

Mike Jones was waiting in line with his girlfriend Aia Cooper when President Obama arrived at the polling station in Chicago. News crews covering the event caught the jealous boyfriend telling the Commander-in-Chief, "Mr. President, don't touch my girlfriend." To which the flabbergasted Obama replied, "I really wasn't planning on it."

The girlfriend, Aia Cooper, was beyond embarrassed, as Obama played out the conversation that was likely to ensue as she tells her friends about her run-in with the President, saying, "I can't believe Mike, he's such a fool." As he leaves, the President embraces Cooper, saying, "You're gonna kiss me, give him something to talk about. Now, he's really jealous."

Maybe Mike was a little justified in his protection over Aia – after all, it was just a week later that Obama reported having “hugged and kissed” nurses who had treated Ebola patients!

5. JEALOUS GIRLFRIEND STABS MAN TO DEATH AFTER TEXTING BOSS

In March 2015, a Bronx man was texting his boss to let him know he'd be late for work was stabbed to death by his jealous girlfriend – who thought he was texting another woman. Norberto Cruz-Valentin, 21, was repeatedly stabbed in the torso in the midst of a fight with his girlfriend Kristal Delvalle, 23, inside their apartment.

The fight began after he texted his manager to tell him he would be late. Delvalle became enraged because she thought he was texting another woman. Cruz-Valentin was pronounced dead at the hospital. The woman, who has no prior arrests, was arrested at the scene.

III. SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

To whom does today's scripture refer to when it says that “*He yearns jealously over that Whom He has made to dwell in us*”? Verse 4 reveals the answer when it says: “*you adulterous people [you men and women that are breakers of wedlock]!: do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with YAHUAH [God]? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself [or herself] an enemy of YAH [God]*”. So, the answer is that it is YAHUAH [God] [the Father] “Who yearns jealously that we would have the RUACH HA’KODESH [Holy Spirit] dwell within us”, rather than a spirit dwell in us that is not the Holy RUACH [Spirit]. When we chose a ruach [spirit] other than Him, then He – YAHUAH [God] – is telling us is that He “yearns jealously” over us, that we would choose Him, rather than the world, rather than ourselves.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF CHOOSING SELF, ANOTHER RUACH [Spirit]

The consequences of choosing your own desire means that you have chosen a ruach [spirit] that is not the Holy RUACH [Spirit], and you will commit...

A. MURDER

YAHUAH [God] does not leave us without guidance about what He means on this point – that we will commit murder, for He tells us in advance what will happen to us if we choose another ruach [spirit]. James says that if we

choose our own ruach [spirit], our “self”, then we choose “the passions that are at war within us” rather than YAHUAH [God] and the Holy RUACH [Spirit] that He so jealously desires that we have. It is *your* choice then... not His choice... that will cause you to quarrel and fight among each other (James 4:1)... and it is your choice rather than His that will cause Him to withhold the things that you desire that are not of Him. And worse still...

James says that you will then go on to commit the act of *murder*. And don't think that when he says that we will go on to *murder*, that *that* means that we will necessarily stab someone to death, like the jealous girlfriend in New York did to her boyfriend. What “murder” means in this context is what YAHUSHA [Jesus] says that YAHUAH [God] thinks “murder” is. For didn't YAHUSHA [Jesus] explain to us in Matthew 5, when He defines the 6th commandment “**you shall not murder**” from the ten (10) (Exodus 20:13). He explains by saying that, from YAHUAH [God]'s perspective, even unrighteous *anger* or *verbal abuse* against someone else is subject to the same judgment in YAHUAH [God]'s eyes as taking that person's life. Murder. He says:

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment’. But I say to you that everyone who is *angry* with his brother [or sister] will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother [or sister] will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ (i.e. ‘you worthless person!’) will be liable to the hell of fire.”
(Matthew 5:21-22)

YAHUAH [God]'s purpose here, then, in saying that “you desire and do not have, so you murder” is to emphasize how seriously He regards your unrighteous “anger” and “verbal abuse” toward another. I believe that He wants to rattle you, and your self-satisfied attitude, to knock you off your high horse! For don't you believe that, as long as you have not actually taken someone else's physical life, then you are keeping the sixth [6th] commandment and you are pleasing YAHUAH [God]? And on this point, don't you have felt that you have done *all* that He requires? That your hateful behavior, that you mistreat, or excoriate other people, is acceptable to Him?

(And as we have just discussed the 6th commandment, this might be a good to remember the 2nd commandment that says “**you shall not bow down to them [idols, other gods] or serve them, for I YAHUAH ELOHAYKA [the LORD your God] am a jealous YAH [God]**”. (Exodus 20:5a)

B. COVETOUSNESS

James then goes on to tell you that if you don't deny yourself and the passions that are at war within you, that we will go on to covet... to set your heart's desire on someone, something other than what He desires for you...

...but that YAHUAH [God] will not give you what you want... give you your heart's desire, because it serves yourself and not Him. And so, you will then fight and quarrel.

V. YOU DO NOT HAVE BECAUSE YOU ASK IN THE WRONG WAY

"You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it [what *you* desire] on *your* [own] passions." (James 4:2b-3).

Yes, selfish motives guarantee unanswered prayer. YAHUAH [God] wants us to be people who have the best interests of the Kingdom, His Kingdom at heart. You'll remember from last week message that this "Kingdom" is the same kingdom for which He wants to give us the keys to possess even while we're still here down on earth. He so wants our desire to be accepting His desire... that we desire to preach the "good news" of this Kingdom: His Kingdom to the poor... that we would desire to free those who are in spiritual bondage... that we would desire to heal the blind... to set them all free!... all those who are the oppressed by the world! Those who are caught up in their own desires: the desires of the flesh and of their eyes... who are caught up in the pride of life.

Meanwhile, we should remember YAHUSHA [Jesus] when He walked down here, when He was facing the prospect of being scourged and crucified, that He agonized over the fact that it was going to be a painful experience for Him. But instead of thinking about Himself and what He would have to endure, His prayer was: "**not My will [dear Father YAH (God)], but Yours be done**". (Luke 22:42) Yes, YAHUSHA [Jesus], our master and our example, had the interests of the Kingdom at heart. Yes, He was more interested in the will of the Father than what He Himself wanted. This is the example that He set for you and me.

Today, most of us will say that we follow YAHUSHA [Jesus] as our example, but we really rather love the world – the tangible things that we can see and touch – than we want to love the intangible and unseen RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy

Spirit], Whom YAHUAH ELOHAYNU [the LORD our God] “yearns jealously” that we would choose to “dwell within us”. We are told:

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of YAHUAH [God] abides forever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

VI. DESIRING THE RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] MOST

Unlike the jealous girlfriends who would jumped into the riven to see if their boyfriend would choose them, the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] will not force you to choose Him. The RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] is a gift that YAHUSHA [Jesus] promised to us when He said: **“if you love me, you will keep my commandments. And [then] I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the RUACH EMETH [Spirit of Truth], whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”** (John 14:15-17)

Sometimes people think of the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] more as an “It”, rather than a “Him.” But according to Scripture, the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] is not only YAHUAH [God], but *He* has a will, a personality, and can even be offended!

There are specific sins that can be committed against the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit], so let’s agree now not to do these things, we are told not to do:

“Let no foul or abusive language come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] of YAHUAH [God], by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as YAHUAH [God] for MESSIAH [Christ]’s sake forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:29-32)

Did you catch those specific things that grieve the RUACH [Spirit]? They are: foul language, abusive language, bitterness, wrath, *anger*, clamor, slander, and malice.

Instead of these things, if we are filled with Him, He will teach us to be kind to one another, to be tenderhearted, and forgiving one another, as YAHUAH [God] forgave you through His son YAHUSHA HA'MASHIACH [Jesus Christ].

VII. INVITING THE HOLY RUACH [Spirit] INTO YOUR LIFE

As we bring today's message to an end, I implore you now to stop making your YAHUAH [God], your YAHUSHA [Jesus] jealous over you. Don't reject!... Don't grieve!... the RUACH EMETH [Spirit of Truth] as He appeals to you.

Let's agree now that nothing that this old world has to offer: it's riches, it's power, it's temporary pleasures – the desires of our flesh, the desires of our eyes, our pride, the pride of life – that no of this compares to the new and eternal life that our Triune YAHUAH [God] has in His mind to give to us.

Let's agree now to stop grieving YAHUAH [God]... YAHUSHA [Jesus]... and accept Their gift of the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit] (John 14), so that He will dwell within us... to teach us *His* Truth, which is *The One and Only* Truth... so that we might actually realize what sin is, so that we can actually be *convicted* of it. For then, we can finally take the steps that will ensure our salvation and eternal life:

We will:

1. Repent of our Rightly Define Sin (Act 2:37-38),
2. Believe on the Name and Position of YAHUSHA [Jesus] as YAHUAH [God] (Acts 11:15-17, Romans 8:9, Galatians 3:2-3, Galatians 3:14, Ephesians 1:13),
3. Be Baptized in the Name of YAHUSHA HA'MASHIACH [Jesus Christ] (Acts 2:8, Acts 19:1-6); and,
4. Pray that We Receive Him (Luke 11:13, Acts 8:15).

Yes, today, let's stop provoking YAHUAH [God] to Jealousy Over Us. Instead, let's ask Him, and by faith accept that **“if you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father in heaven give the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit] to those who ask Him!”** (Luke 11:13)

Are you too addicted to the world? To yourself? Or anything else?... to be able to turn fully to Him now? If so, then I invite you to say these words together with me, from the beautiful hymn: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

VIII. CONCLUSION – TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Oh soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There is light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are.

Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
Oh, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace. Amen.

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