

God is Jealous Over You

You are especially important to God. Indeed, He is jealous over you with a love beyond comprehension! No matter what you've done or where you've failed, He still desires to walk with you as He did with Enoch. In Genesis 5:24 it is written, "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." Hebrews 11:5 records, "...for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." This passage proves that walking with God pleases Him.

God wants to interact with His greatest creation, you are one of those. He desires that you hold His hand and walk with Him. He wants you to tell Him what is on your heart. But He also wants you to request to see what He wants to show you. As God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day, He wants to do the same with you. This pleases God. It is prayer – but more. Prayers of petitions or needs to be supplied, God honors. Still yet His greatest delight is in just being *with* you! He loves to have quiet conversations with you, listening to your silent meditations about Him, or you just talking to Him as a friend.

The Bible says that God is jealous over us (Exodus 34:14). So, what does that really mean? It means that He isn't willing to share all your time – He wants some reserved alone time just for you and Him. Your prayer time is personal, but so is your daily interacting with Him. He wants you to invite Him into whatever you are doing and wherever you are going. Let Him know that you desire His presence. Yes, He knows it, but He wants to hear you say it. This is not creepy or sensual. This is a pure, holy desire to have God interact with you in your daily activities. God always gives us a choice, but He is jealous over us with a magnificent love and wants to be invited.

Moses' walk with God made his face to shine and the people stand back in amazement. God said that Moses was His friend and the meekest man that had ever lived. How impressive is that! Though Moses once killed a man, he turned to God, and he never killed again. He went on to become a personal friend of God and God was very jealous over him. As they walked together, God spoke face to face with Moses. When Korah led the rebellion against Moses, Moses did nothing. He just said that God would settle it – and God did! So as Moses walked with God, God fought for him.

God is jealous over us. He sees and records everything. Never think for a moment that God will not serve recompense for the wrongs committed against us. Yes, there is a process in which we all must go through. But when I think of how God is with us and how jealous He is for us, it makes the process not really the point. The point to me is that I am honored to walk with Him, to be with Him; to be with The One that loves me so much and is crazy about me! He will fight my battles and do the impossible for me as I invite Him into my space.

Dear Jesus,

I pray that they will choose to walk with you. May they feel the love that oozes from heaven to earth for them. They have endured sacrifices, hardships, and have suffered many afflictions. So now, Oh Lord, let them feel your love consuming them! Let the fire of your love permeate their inner most being! And the passion of your jealous love overwhelm them. Let a flood of joy clap way down into the depths of their souls and let the deep recesses of favor be upon them because they are in you and you in them. May they come to understand the jealous love that you have for them! Let them feel you tucking them under your wings in the times of adversities and never doubt that you will recompense because of your undying love.

I pray that they will know how important they are to you. Let them see beyond where they are, to where you are taking them. Enlarge their hearts to receive your love and give them courage to trust you for you are with them and for them. In the mighty name of Jesus, let them be as jealous over you and their time with you, as you are towards them. Thank you for the seal of Jesus' blood that you have placed upon them. And let the all-powerful, consuming love of Christ be upon them and in them! All for your great name's sake! Amen!

1 Samuel 12:22: *For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.*

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