
¹¹ *I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, **yet you have not returned to me, 'I declare the LORD.*** ¹² *Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel."*

Hebrews 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Hebrews 12:9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

¹⁰ *Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.*

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ Make level paths for your feet, "so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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Is God Petty, Jealous, Easily Provoked?

The Jealous Love of God

Is God a Moral Monster—part 2

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— Good jealousy, bad jealousy —

James 3:16 (RSV) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

2 Corinthians 11:1 I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness; but you are already doing that.

² *I am **jealous for** you with **a godly jealousy.** I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.*

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

3 Pictures of God's Jealous Love

1. Marriage

Romans 10:21 ... he says, 'All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.'

*Ezekiel 6:9 Then in the nations where they have been carried captive, those who escape will remember me--how I have been **grieved** by their **adulterous hearts**, which have **turned away from me**, and by their eyes, which have lusted after their idols. They will loathe themselves for the evil they have done and for all their detestable practices.*

2. Covenant.

Exodus 24:7 “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”

Exodus 32:1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.”

² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.”

³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

Ezekiel 16:15 “But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute. You lavished your favors on anyone who passed by and your beauty became his.” (25) “At the head of every street you built your lofty shrines and degraded your beauty, offering your body with increasing promiscuity to anyone who passed by.”

3. “Tough love”

Amos 4:2 The Sovereign LORD has sworn by his holiness: The time will surely come when you will be taken away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks. ³ You will each go straight out through breaks in the wall, and you will be cast out toward Harmon, declares the LORD.

⁴ Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three years. ⁵ Burn leavened bread as a thank offering and brag about your freewill offerings-- boast about them, you Israelites, for this is what you love to do, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Amos 4:6 I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, **yet you have not returned to me, declares the LORD.**

Amos 4:7 I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. ⁸ People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink **yet you have not returned to me, declares the LORD.**

⁹ Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, I struck them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, **yet you have not returned to me, declares the LORD.**

¹⁰ I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, **yet you have not returned to me, declares the LORD.**
