

## **The Spirit of Jealousy - People**

### **Numbers 5**

**As we look at the world to-day, what do we see? If you were to go by the popular media; clearly you would see the masses led by their baser instincts. In fact, the world has gone down this path before.**

**Genesis 6: 1 to 9 - And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.**

**Finding grace in the eyes of the LORD. Grace under the Old Covenant, how amazing. But there is something even better.**

**Romans 5: 8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**In case the fullest of this verse is not understood, let me phrase it another way. Romans 5: 8 - But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.**

**The sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary, is the greatest event in history. And as the world celebrated the feast of life; in devouring chocolate easter bunnies, and searching for the elusive easter egg; aren't we as believers called to walk a higher path?**

**Matthew 7: 13 & 14 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

**That's why when we are truly born again, and not just having a religious experience; there is a big difference. John 13: 34 & 35 - A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved**

**you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

**And as we go about walking in the footprints of Our Lord and Saviour; we need to be on our guard. 1 Corinthians 15: 33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. But who would want to trip us up? 1 Peter 5: 8 & 9 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.**

**Now the spirit of jealousy is one way the devil hits on us. And he does have his legal grounds. Deuteronomy 32: 21 - They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.**

**And if I may use the same definition as before; Godly jealousy is love trying to protect its own. But how do people deal with jealousy? There is a major section in the Bible dealing with it. Numbers 5: 11 to 31 - And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 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; And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: 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, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD: 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: 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 offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse: And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse: But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband: Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make**

thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water: And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter. Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar: 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. 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. And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled; Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

Here is an interesting view of society, and how they dealt with serious social problems. If society is going to survive, the family has to be protected and maintained. The relationship between a man and his wife has to be preserved. Does anyone remember their wedding vows; and the all-inclusive phrase, till death do us part? Well God's standards haven't changed. Hebrews 13: 4 - Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Before we go any farther; we may want to reflect on the roles of women.

The best reference is found in Proverbs 31: 10 - 31. However, we won't read it now. And the family's organizational chart is found in Ephesians 5: 33 to 6: 1 - Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

So while women are not doormats, they were created to be the primary care-givers of the family, and not the state. And isn't it wonderful to see how much freedom people have when they follow God's plan. But when matters went astray, both offending parties had to be caught in the act, unlike John 8, in order for the appropriate consequences to be taken.

And if the husband is under stress, or even immature, things can happen.

**His role to lovingly protect his wife can get warped, and he become suspicious of her. The spirit of jealousy which should protect her goes ballistic, and his trust in her disappears. God, knowing human nature, and the problems it could cause, set up guidelines to maintain peace and order. Notice, He does not give carte blanche for men to assault their wives.**

**And if God's way was followed, there would be no spousal abuse, no abused children, and no battered women syndrome. Also wives of wayward golfers shouldn't adjust the scorecard with his clubs when he is sleeping.**

**This could lead to battered men's syndrome. Under the Old Covenant, men were to take their wives to the priest, & undergo the prescribed ceremony.**

**We don't need to do that any more under the New Covenant.**

**We have the Shed Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ to cleanse us from our sins. 1 John 1: 9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Numbers 5 mentions the spirit of jealousy. How does this work?**

**When a man and a woman are married, they are joined together.**

**Matthew 19: 3 to 12 - The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.**

**And so, their souls are joined together with a good soul tie. This allows spirits to transfer easier between spouses. And when adultery is committed; an evil soul tie is formed, and evil spirits will transfer. Even if it is done discretely, the husband, in his spirit knows that something is wrong. By the way, this goes both ways.**

**And an actual sin does not have to happen for the spirit to transfer.**

**Matthew 5: 28 - But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

**For those who want more info on the subject; try Win Worley's #1 Booklet, "The Devilish Side of Sex".**

**The best part is how they get their freedom through the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**But what are we to do when these ungodly thoughts enter our minds?**

**2 Corinthians 10: 1 to 6 - Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.**

**But first, we have to recognize that there is something wrong going on. And then, we take the evil thoughts captive to the obedience of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and bind them to His Authority. We also bind the manifesting demons, and command them to get out in Jesus' Name.**

**This is where the restoration of the soul is so important; it needs to be done every day. And parents should do it for their children.**

**The mind has to be restored, in order for us to function properly.**

**Romans 12: 1 to 3 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

**There is much wisdom in the preceding passage, and I'll leave it with you to study and reflect on. Win Worley has booklets to help you with; regaining the control of, and Godly use of your mind. #12, "Mind Control", and #25, "End-Time Mind Control" are the titles.**

**Now suppose that you catch yourself looking at someone or something that gets things stirred up. There's more to do than taking those ideas captive.**

**2 Timothy 2: 22 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**

**Genesis 39: 7 - 12 - And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.**

**Physically getting away is a good move, especially for internet porn. But if the wandering eyes are not controlled, the demons are still being stroked.**

**We can ask Our Lord Jesus for a guard over our senses, especially the eyes; so that they are not drawn to temptation. We can also ask that the doors etc. that are open, and letting demons in, are closed.**

**Revelation 3: 7 & 8 - And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

**There is another factor in this equation. Win Worley, in his #2 booklet, "Battling Witchcraft"; has an article entitled, "Psychic Prayer Equals Witchcraft". Here, he describes how mis-guided prayers can control people. I know of cases where Christian women came under such severe occult attack, that their personalities changed, and they left their Christian husbands for their mesmerizers.**

**If we keep our minds active with good things, there will be less time for getting into trouble. Joshua 1: 8 - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

**Ephesians 6: 18 -Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

**And if you are in a boring job; what can you do? Suppose you were a shepherd, like David; and didn't have the much music channel to keep you**

occupied. Was he rapping, or line dancing with the sheep? I don't think so.  
**2 Samuel 22: 50 - Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.**

Years ago, we were at a Walmart's, when through the din came the sound of a small child singing Gospel songs. How refreshing, that in their simple faith, they were able to witness to those around.

**Singing God's Praises has been known to have dramatic results.**

**2 Chronicles 20: 22 - And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.**

So when you want to put on the garment of praise, don't let the spirit of heaviness keep you quiet. **Psalms 149: 1 to 9 - Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.**

Now to get back on topic; how did Our Lord Jesus deal with all those who came to Him? Let us remember, that it was only sinners who came to Jesus Christ to get cleaned up. **Isaiah 1: 18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**

**And the Shed Blood of Jesus is still the only way for sinners to be cleansed.**

**1 Timothy 1:15 - This is a faithful saying, & worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.**

**You can be sure that the devil tried everything he could to trip up Our Lord Jesus. But Our Lord was always the stellar example.**

**Romans 12: 21 - Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

**Titus 1: 15 - Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.**

**Luke 7: 36 to 50 - And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his**

feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Even though Our Lord lived a life above reproach, the devil still tries to sully His Reputation. Years ago, there was a movie called, "The Last Temptation of Christ"; which tried again to trash Our Lord. In spite of it; Jesus Christ is still on His Throne; while the movie is in the trash heap of history. And when it comes to protecting His Own, Our Lord Jesus is the best. 1 John 2: 1 & 2 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Yes, Our Lord Jesus right now is interceding for us. So don't let the demons tell you that no-one cares about you. There is another area that needs attention. Just as Our Heavenly Father is a Jealous God, in protecting His People; God's leaders need to be as God fearing in the protection of their people; especially in these ungodly times.

In politics, while Christians should try to restore the nation to Godly Standards; if they are not walking the holy walk; they will be seen as hypocrites.

Ezekiel 36: 23 - And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the



**heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.**

**Romans 2: 24 - For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."**

**And the best way to restore the nation to Godliness, is to restore the Christians. Thankfully with the full gospel of salvation, healing and deliverance, we can have the abundant life that Our Lord has provided for us. While the false prophets are rejoicing in the death and destruction all around, God's true prophets, while warning, are interceding for the people.**

**1 Kings 18: 37 - Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.**

**Pastors, as God's shepherds, follow Our Lord's admonition in ministering to their flocks. John 21: 15 to 17 - So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**

**But the hardest task, is for believing parents.**

**Ephesians 6: 4 - And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**

**The task of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, is not as easy as it sounds. While there are more technological tools today than in any other period of time; are they really helping children in Godly growth, or hindering them. And the struggle to use knowledge for good instead of for evil, has been with us since the Garden of Eden. Television, computers, video games etc. play a major role in most people's lives today. In fact, many spend over 5 hours every day using them.**

**What kind of impact are they having on the children? There was a recent article on Cnews, June 6, 2011; Big Bird pushes lefty politics?**

**The True Hollywood Story of How the Left Took Over Your TV, says Sesame Street is just one of many shows that uses its storylines to forward liberal causes. "We definitely have a social agenda," explained Shari Rosenfeld, a vice-president with the organization that produces Sesame Street for markets around the world.**

**Author Benjamin Shapiro based his book on interviews with some of the biggest producers and directors in the television industry. In frank and**

**tape-recorded conversations with the people who brought you shows such as MASH, Friends and House, Hollywood insiders admit using their shows not just to entertain, but to force cultural change.**

**Allowing children to engage in activities that will force cultural change on them is not compatible with our Godly parental responsibilities.**

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**1 Corinthians 15: 33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.**

**Care also needs to be taken with computers, video games, and the internet. All that glitters is not gold, and many have been entrapped by it.**

**We really do need Godly discernment to distinguish between knowledge being used for evil and good. Genesis 2: 9 - And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

**What particularly can parents do with their families?**

**Proverbs 22: 6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**

**Deuteronomy 6: 6 to 9 - And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**

**It is important to instill the Word of God into the children; and before they go to school. Remembering things can't be overly hard; how many worldly songs do they know by heart? Moses' parents did such a thorough job in the few years that they had him; that he never became assimilated by Egyptian culture, even though living in Pharaoh's house.**

**And as the world is falling apart all around us; let us not become side-tracked by petty jealousies; but remain focused on Our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Shed Blood.**

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