

Wednesday Devotional

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God's Jealous Love For Us By Alice Fryling

Scripture: Exodus 34: 10 – 14

When God calls himself jealous, he is saying that he is reaching out to us, that he passionately wants to claim us for himself. We were created to live in the center of his love. Every act of disobedience takes us away from that center, takes us into dangerous territory where we forget that he loves us, where we think we can and should control our own lives, where we risk using relationships to serve ourselves instead of our Creator.

As we begin to move toward that place of alienation from God's love, his Spirit jealously hovers over our spirits, making us uncomfortable, trying to turn our hearts back to the Lord. God is jealous when anything in our lives deters us from resting in his love. His Spirit is jealous when I begin to think that I cannot get along without more money, a larger house, a better job or a different body. His Spirit is jealous when I think that I deserve the honor another person is getting, or when I am ambitious to achieve anything but his will. His Spirit is jealous when my motivation is anything but love. My money, my house, my body, my career, my achievements all belong to God.

God's jealousy actually grows out of his love. Because he loves us, he is jealous of anything that might tempt us away from what is good for us.