

Gethsemane Baptist Church

Advance Bible Class

7:00 PM

Teacher: Pastor Pratt
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Lesson: The Spirit of Jealousy

Introduction: Jealousy and Envy is one of the most deadly sins that one can commit. It was apart of the fall of Lucifer and caused him to become the enemy of God and the people of God.

Isaiah 14:12-14

A. The horribleness of Jealousy and Envy

1. It is the root of "confusion and every evil work" James 3:16
2. It is more cruel than wrath and anger Prov 27:4
3. It is a fruit of devilish and not divine knowledge James 3:14-17
4. It is a work of darkness Rom 13:13; Gal 5:21
5. It is a sign of carnality 1 Corin 3:3
6. It causes physical sickness Prov 14:30
7. It hinders spiritual growth 1 Pet 2:1,2

B. Examples of Jealousy and Envy

1. Jealousy between brothers – Family members.

- a. "The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell" Gen 4:4,5
- b. "Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers; ...And his brothers envied him" Gen 37:5,11; Acts 7:9

2. Jealousy and Envy between sisters

"When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister" Gen 30:1

3. Jealousy and Envy in secular employment – In the job market.

"Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and princes... So the governors and princes sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom" Dan 6:3,4

4. Jealousy and Envy in religious circles

- a. Saul over David when God used David 1 Sam 18:6-9
- b. Chief priests over Jesus when He drew the crowds Mark 15:10
- c. Jews over Paul when their traditions were shaken by the truth Acts 13:44,45

C. Causes of Jealousy and Envy

- a. Discontentment with God's allotment and provision to us Matt 20:11-15
- b. Sense of fear and insecurity 1 Sam 18:8,9; John 12:19
- c. Failure to realize it matters not WHO does it as long as the victory is to the LORD and the gains go to His KINGDOM 1 Corin 3:5-9; Phil 1:15-1

D. How to respond when others Envy you.

1. Continued to be in submission while obeying the Word of God

Example: Joseph Psa 105:19; Acts 7:9

2. Patience and total commitment to God the Father

Examples: Jesus Mark 15:10; 1 Pet 2:19-23

Moses Num 16:1-5, 28-33

3. Maintain honesty and sincerity in all the areas of life

Example: Daniel Dan 6:3,4

E. The Royal Law

"LOVE DOES NOT ENVY" Nothing nor Anyone. 1 Corin. 13:4