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John 17:22-23 "22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

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Exodus 19:5 "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my **treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation.**"

The book of Numbers is the story of the people learning what it means to be a treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.

Numbers 25 - The People of Israel yoked to Baal of Peor

Numbers 25:1-3

“1 While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. 2 These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.”

Numbers 25:3-5

“And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.” 4 “And the LORD said to Moses, “Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.””

5 And Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor.”

Numbers 25:6-7

6 “And behold, one of the people of Israel (Zimri) came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting.

7, “When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, **saw it**, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand.”

Christians are a royal priesthood. We have been tasked by the Lord to be proclaimers of the Good News of Jesus Christ, who is the righteousness of God. We proclaim the righteousness of God as revealed in the gospel by the words we speak, the lives we live, and the choices we make. We carry that responsibility.



“he was jealous with my jealousy”



Numbers 25:7-9

7 “When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand 8 and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. 9 Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

Numbers 25:10-13

“10 And the LORD said to Moses, 11 “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, 13 and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.’”

The Jealousy of God

Exodus 34:14 – “for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”

Exodus 20:5 - “You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God...” .

Deuteronomy 4:24 - “For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”

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1. The Jealousy of God is God legally defending what belongs to him.

(Isaiah 42:8)

“I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.”

The Jealousy of God

1. The Jealousy of God is God legally defending what belongs to him.

2. The Jealousy of God is His zeal to preserve something that is precious.

“God's jealousy is a praiseworthy zeal to preserve something supremely precious.” (J.I. Packer - *Knowing god*)

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- **God is held up as the highest possible good. His relationship with God is precious.**

- **It is to the Lord alone that all honor and glory and majesty is given**

