

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Nahum 1 Part 2²



It was interesting to study the beginning of Chapter 1, and to see how God speaks of His vengeance and his wrath. He does execute justice and He does “avenge.” He is also a God of great passion and even jealousy. I thought I’d do a bit of a segue into the NIV Study notes discussion of that today, and then move forward into Nahum 1 proper again.

Enjoy!

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Exodus 20:5

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⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

So Nahum speaks of a God of wrath and vengeance, and this lead to a study that brought up the above Scripture in Exodus. To reiterate from yesterday, God will not put up with rivalry or unfaithfulness. Usually His jealousy concerns Israel and assumes the covenant relationship (analogous to marriage) and the Lord's exclusive right to possess Israel and to claim here love and allegiance.

Actually, jealousy is a part of the vocabulary of love.

The "jealousy" of God:

(1) Demands exclusive devotion to God.

Exodus 34:14	Deut 4:24	Deut 32:16	Deut 32:21
¹⁴ Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.	²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.	¹⁶ They made him jealous with their foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols.	²¹ They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.
The word for "jealous" also has connotations of being "zealous." H7067 qanna' kan-naw' from H7065 - to be (causatively, make) zealous, i.e. (in a bad sense) jealous or envious.			

jealous.			
Compare H7072 - jealous or angry.			
Joshua 24:19	Ps 78:58	1 Co 10:22	Jas 4:5
¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.	⁵⁸ They angered him with their high places; they aroused his jealousy with their idols.	²² Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?	⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us ^a ? Read full chapter Footnotes a. James 4:5 <i>Or that the spirit he caused to dwell in us envies intensely; or that the Spirit he caused to dwell in us longs jealously</i>
In Psalm 78:58 another related emotion of God mentioned. The word for anger is translated "vexed" in CLB. It comes from this word: H3707 ka`ac kaw-as' a primitive root; to trouble; by implication, to grieve, rage, be indignant.			

God apparently has a wide range of emotions. He is jealous for our full devotion. Additionally, the NIV Study Note adds:

“He delivers to judgment all who oppose God.”

Dt 29:20	1 Ki 14:22	Ps 79:5	Isa 42:13	Is 59:17	Eze 5:13
<p>²⁰ The LORD will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the LORD will blot out their names from under heaven.</p>	<p>²² Judah did evil in the eyes of the LORD. By the sins they committed they stirred up his jealous anger more than those who were before them had done.</p>	<p>⁵ How long, LORD? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?</p>	<p>¹³ The LORD will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.</p>	<p>¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.</p>	<p>¹³ “Then my anger will cease and my wrath against them will subside, and I will be avenged. And when I have spent my wrath on them, they will know that I the LORD have spoken in my zeal.</p>
Ez 16:38	Ez 23:25	Ez 36:5-6	Na 1:2	Zep 1:18	Zep 1:38
<p>³⁸ I will sentence you to the punishment of women who commit adultery and who shed blood; I will bring on you the</p>	<p>²⁵ I will direct my jealous anger against you, and they will deal with you in fury. They will cut off your noses and your ears, and</p>	<p>⁵ this is what the Sovereign LORD says: In my burning zeal I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, for with glee and with malice in their hearts they made my land their own</p>	<p>² The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against</p>	<p>¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath.” In the fire of his</p>	<p>⁸ Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD, “for the day I will stand up to testify.^[a] I have decided to assemble</p>

blood vengeance of my wrath and jealous anger.	those of you who are left will fall by the sword. They will take away your sons and daughters, and those of you who are left will be consumed by fire.	possession so that they might plunder its pastureland.' ⁶ The refore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD sa ys: I speak in my jealous wrath because you have suffered the scorn of the nations.	his enemies.	jealousy the whole earth will be consumed , for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.	the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them— all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.
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There is one more aspect of God's zeal. He will vindicate His people! We'll study that tomorrow.