

[Faith, Hope & Love\\_Part10](#)

We are continuing our study on the building blocks of the kingdom of God: faith, hope, and love. And to address this issue of faith we have been studying the names of God in order that we might come to know the truth about our God; and thereby make our day-in-and-day-out decisions of our life according to the truth, regardless of what we would otherwise think and feel. Don't be fooled, having knowledge about God is simply not enough when it comes to the issue of faith; knowledge and faith are not equivalents. Knowledge is important for sure, and is a necessary component of faith, but unless you choose to act upon that knowledge you will never know faith, without which it is impossible to please God (**Hebrews 11:6**).

For example, we have been studying the Kingdom of God for 12 weeks and you probably know more about the Kingdom of God than most believers. But this knowledge does not, on its own, change your life. It has the full potential to change your life, but there is still a requirement for you to view everything in this life through the lens of the kingdom of God. You must choose to make your day-in-and-day-out, moment-by-moment, decisions 1) *knowing* that you do not belong to this world; 2) *convinced* you have been chosen out of this world; 3) *certain* that you have been sent to this world on a mission from our King; and 4) *confident* that your King will be to you everything He says He is. If you know, are convinced, certain, and confident of these things, and you choose to live according to these convictions, you will know the power and joy of true faith. It is a radical way of life.

We have been studying the names of our God in order that each and every one of us might become firmly fixed to the reality that He is who He says He is, and He will be to us everything He promises to be, because that is His character and nature.

He does not waver, He does not change, He is the same as He always has been and always will be. He is **Elohim**. The Spirit wants to use this knowledge of God to draw us into Him, in confident assurance, so we will choose to bet our lives on this knowledge—on His name. The two biggest enemies, however, to living in this radical way is our thoughts and emotions. They seem so powerful, so sure, and so trustworthy; but I want to deeply implore you to set them aside. Far too long they have been attached to this world, to the victim mentality, to the good child/bad child syndrome, to our selfishness, to our fear, to our insecurity, to our worldly identity, to our pain, and to our worldly desires for pleasure and comfort. They have been sullied by the world and cannot be counted upon to be reliable, for they are tricksters by nature. Do not let them guide your life nor influence your decisions. That would be the biggest mistake of them all, for your thoughts and emotions resist and fight against the true knowledge of God; and they have the ability to shipwreck your faith. Let the knowledge of the Name rewrite the scripts in your head and your heart such that you become one who is willing to live by faith.

***Ecclesiastes 7:13*** says, “Notice the way God does things; then fall into line. Don’t fight the ways of God, for who can straighten out what He has made crooked?” Consider that your God, **Elohim**, wants you; He wants all of you, not just a part. Therefore, if you are one of His chosen ones, He will do whatever it takes to get you to choose Him in return—whatever it takes. Nothing is off limits or too sacred to bend. This reality is on-the-one-hand terribly frightening when you think of what it might actually take to get you to yield to His love and make that transition between one who has the knowledge of God to one who has faith in God. On-the-other-hand, it is utterly fantastic when you think of the fact that you are being pursued

by the love of **El Shaddai**—the Lord God Almighty; **El Elyon**—the Most High God; **Jehovah Nissi**—the Lord my banner who is my victory; **Jehovah Raah**—the Lord my Shepherd; **Jehovah Rapha**—the Lord who heals me; **Jehovah Shammah**—the Lord who is there with me; **Jehovah Tsidkenu**—the Lord my righteousness; and **Jehovah Mekoddishkem**, the Lord who sanctifies me.

Accordingly, I urge you, notice the way God does things in your life and fall into line. Surrender to His maniacal pursuit of you. Don't fight the ways of God, for who can straighten out what He has made crooked? According to **2 Peter 1:3-4**, if you let Him have His way, you will know all of the precious and magnificent promises which are found in the true knowledge of God; and you will become a partaker of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in this world by lusts. But you must let Him have His way with you. This brings us to the twelfth name of God which centers on the fact that He will do whatever it takes to have you as His own.

12. **Jehovah Qanna**—the Lord (**Yahweh**) your God (**Elohim**) is a jealous God. Most people don't think of God in this way; after all, jealousy is a very intense and disruptive emotion which more often than not leads to some sort of violence or aggression. In the original Hebrew script, **Qanna** was imaged as a mother bird who protects her nest from invaders. From this picture, we understand that our God is a vigilant guardian protecting what belongs to Him. Hence, we can be confident that the Lord our God will protect us for what we were made for (which is Himself); and anything that gets in the way, including us, He will strike down.

Jealousy is a possessory emotion expressed with regard to something to which you have a legitimate right or to which you are entitled. This is why this emotion gets extremely heightened in any intimate relationship when a person feels that

right is being threatened. If you have never experienced jealousy, hope that you never will for it leads to all sorts of crazy, and I mean crazy, thoughts and behaviors. A person whom you might think is mature and secure can become so out of control and scary if they are overcome with jealousy. It is not a pretty sight.

In the case of your relationship with Christ, if **Jehovah Mekoddishkem** has chosen you, then God has redeemed you with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ (**1 Peter 1:19**). It was a very costly transaction, but now you belong to Him. He purchased you, with His own blood and now He has the right to not just your soul, but your entire life; and He desperately wants all of you: your heart, mind, soul, and strength. And since His name is Jealous, He will aggressively protect what is His by going after each and every enemy that threatens this relationship.

This name “**Jehovah Qanna**” comes from **Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24, 5:9, 6:15**. In each of these instances, the Israelites—the chosen of God—are reminded that it is God who redeemed them from Egypt, miraculously delivered them from their toil and bondage, led them to the Promised Land, and is ready to work all manner of miracles to remove the inhabitants of the land and turn it over to the Israelites for their own possession. However, they are commanded by God who is jealous to not give themselves to any of the people who live in the land nor worship any of the so called gods of the land for they are all targeted for destruction.

### **Exodus 34:10-17**

The Lord replied, "Listen, I am making a covenant with you in the presence of all

your people. I will perform miracles that have never been performed anywhere in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people around you will see the power of the Lord—the awesome power I will display for you. But listen carefully to everything I command you today. Then I will go ahead of you and drive out the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. Be very careful **never** to make a treaty with the people who live in the land where you are going. *If you do, you will follow their evil ways and be trapped.*

Instead, you must break down their pagan altars, smash their sacred pillars, and cut down their Asherah poles. You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you. You must not make a treaty of any kind with the people living in the land. They lust after their gods, offering sacrifices to them. They will invite you to join them in their sacrificial meals, and you will go with them. Then you will accept their daughters, who sacrifice to other gods, as wives for your sons. And they will seduce your sons to commit adultery against me by worshiping other gods. You must not make any gods of molten metal for yourselves.

The Lord expresses that He does not want us to give ourselves to the enemies in our land nor worship any of their gods. Rather, He wants us to aggressively destroy and utterly wipe out those enemies. Biblically, the Promised Land is used as an analogy of our soul—the beloved territory which the Lord wants to fully possess. This imagery is used in **1 Corinthians 10** and **Hebrews 3-4**. Hence, the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites in this analogy just might represent such things as our fear, pride, goodness, failure, insecurity, selfishness,

envy, the victim mentality, and even our hatred. These are the enemies which God wants to dispossess. And the so called gods of the land, according to **1 Corinthians 10:20-22**, are merely the demons who masquerade as gods and speak to us through our *Old Sinful Nature* and inspire our relationship with these enemies.

### **1 Corinthians 10:20-22**

No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?

Accordingly, God says we are to make no treaties which would allow the enemies to coexist in our land; and we must not follow their ways or we will become trapped and they will seduce us and our kids to worship their gods. This speaks of the generational sin—the worthless inheritance spoken about in **1 Peter 1:18**—that is passed on from every parent to their kids in those areas where the parents have chosen to dwell with these enemies and indulge in the worship of their gods. The Lord expects us, in reciprocation of His love and the mercy He has shown us in redeeming us from the gods of this world, to go mad crazy and war against every enemy and tear down, break, smash, and destroy everything associated with that enemy, whether it is our self-protection, aggression, isolation, self-obsession, narcissism, eating disorders, unauthorized sexual activities, or any other coping

mechanism we indulge in to honor those enemies. These coping mechanisms are our pagan altars, sacred pillars, and Asherah poles which we use to worship the gods—the demons—behind our enemies.

The problem is that we have already made many peace treaties with the enemies in our land. In fact, for most believers fear, pride, goodness, failure, insecurity, selfishness, envy, the victim mentality, and even hatred are amongst their oldest and most trusted allies. Some of these treaties have been made intentionally and some through deception. But these enemies co-exist in the land quite comfortably; and, more than that, believers protect and even fight for the “right” for these enemies to dwell in the land. It is tragic and this provokes the jealousy of the Lord.

The people of Israel were also commanded to not make any gods of molten metal. A similar instruction was given in ***Deuteronomy 5:7-10***.

### ***Deuteronomy 5:7-10***

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

It is important to understand that the hand-made gods of the Amorites,

Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites were all gods that reflected the fundamental needs of man. These god's were created by man to satisfy the "Me" with all of its fears and lusts. For instance, Baal was worshiped seeking blessing on the productivity and preservation of the land. Asherah, meaning wife of El or wife of God, was worshiped initially to try and find favor in procreation, but her worship ultimately spawned many heterosexual and homosexual cults. Chemosh, the destroyer, was worshiped seeking victory in war. Molech was worshiped by those seeking some special request, and in turn this god would require a very costly sacrifice, namely the offering of the worshiper's children. The point is that for every fear or practical need that man had, instead of turning to the one true God, they invented a god and formed an image of this god to worship in order to make supplication for their fears and needs. And all of this was inspired by the treachery of demons who whispered in their ears.

Yet, despite God's warning, we do the same thing today. Nothing is new under the sun. The same gods—the same demons—are worshiped and it is all to satisfy the "Me" with all of its fears and lusts. We want what we want in this life and we are afraid of pain and loss or going without so we make deals with these enemies and in so doing worship their gods. Think about this line: "They lust after their gods, offering sacrifices to them." When we are seduced to follow the lies of the enemies, our *Old Sinful Nature* honors, exalts, and worships the gods of the land. We literally lust after these demons seeking sanctuary from our fears and satisfaction of our needs; and in so doing we give ourselves freely to them. Yes, in indulging in our coping mechanisms and protecting the enemies in our land (our fear, pride, our goodness, our failure, insecurity, selfishness, envy, the victim mentality, and even



our hatred), we worship demons. Don't you think that should provoke the jealousy of your God who gave up His live to have you? And we do this without thinking of the impact of our choices on the next 3-4 generations which are definitely impacted by our worship of these other gods.

So often when we experience hardship, trials, and intense terror in our life, we think God is mean, is punishing us for our sin, and is mad at us for failing Him. But as we studied last week, that is not the case; our thoughts and feelings have lied to us. He cannot be mad at you or lash out at you for He is **Elohim**. He is the God who sits outside of time and knows all things before they ever happen. In fact, He chose you before the creation of this world to be His own; and when He made that choice He knew everything you would ever think, say, and do—everything. Therefore, there is nothing that ever takes Him by surprise. Furthermore, we know He does not deal with us on the basis of our sins or treat as harshly as we deserve, for He has removed our sins as far away as the east is from the west (***Psalm 103:11-12***). Jesus did that for us. He took upon Himself the full wrath of God for all of our sins past, present, and future. There is no more wrath to be had when it comes to the chosen. When hardship, trials, and intense terror happen in our life, God is acting according to His jealous nature. It is His means of causing enough disturbance that it just might root out the enemies in your land. He is giving you the opportunity to live by faith and choose to slay the enemy that threatens your experience of Him. He does this to protect and preserve you. The Lord explained this to the Israelites.

### ***Deuteronomy 4:22-31***

[Moses speaking] For I will die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you

shall cross and take possession of this good land. So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the Lord your God has commanded you. ***For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.*** When you become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord your God so as to provoke Him to anger, I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed.

The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord drives you. There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice. For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

*The Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.* If you give yourself to other gods and refuse to destroy the enemies in your land, in His jealousy He will do whatever it takes to get you to turn back to Him, even if that means exile, slavery, and great distress. He will turn you over to your enemies to have their way with

you. He does this not to destroy you, but in hopes of making you sick of following demons who do nothing for you but steal away the life you can know in Jesus. His motivation is love and relationship. He wants to induce you to turn back to Him, seek Him, and listen to His voice. And He promises that in your exile you will seek Him and find Him when you search for Him with all your heart; He will not withhold Himself from you. Again, this is about relationship and His protecting what belongs to Him. He wants to be found, He wants to be known, He wants to be enjoyed, and He wants you. But He never forces you to want Him; He only induces you.

I hope I am being clear; **Elohim** does not “punish” you (as we understand that word) because He is angry, it just feels that way since He is a consuming fire and bent on destroying your enemies. Rather, in His love and desire of you, He wants you to realize two things: 1) that the enemies that you love and protect do nothing but rob you of all the promises of God that should be yours in Christ Jesus; and 2) that life without Jesus is not worth living. Thus He declares in ***Deuteronomy 5:7***, “you shall have no other gods before Me!”

Being **Elohim**, Jesus is above every so called god, as He is above all of creation, and He could destroy those demons with a mere thought (and one day, according to ***Revelation 19:21***, they will be destroyed with the word that proceeds from His mouth). But He leaves them in the land because He is interested in winning the heart of His bride. He is not interested in a forced marriage type of relationship. He loves His “bride to be” and He wants you to want Him with the same jealous love He has for you. He wants you to passionately seek Him with your heart, mind, soul, and strength and freely choose to destroy those demonic strongholds in your soul. And if you refuse to make treaties with these enemies or cancel those treaties

already made, if you refuse to worship their gods, He **will** drive out your enemies before you (**Exodus 34:11**). He will do it. For your part, you must be willing to destroy all your idolatrous attachments to these enemies which, as we discussed, is all the coping mechanisms we indulge in to protect the enemies in our soul.

There is a passage in the New Testament that uses different imagery (envy), but is rooted in the same character of God's jealousy. It also deals with the enemies rooted in our soul: our lusts, pleasures, and evil desires.

### ***James 4:1-10***

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy? But he gives us even more grace to stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash

your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Tragically, this is written to believers. These evil desires are all about the “Me” — getting and taking what you want so you can be ok regardless of the impact on others. This is the source of broken relationships in the body and it all comes from the evil desires—the enemies—at war within you. You want what others have. Maybe it is relationship, intimacy, attention, validation, or affection, and you can’t get it so you go to war and attack those who have it and try and take it from them. All the while you refuse to ask God for such blessings because you are afraid of what you will have to give up or go through to experience them. Even then, when you do ask God it is still all about the “Me.” Your desires are not rooted in love for others but in selfishness and fear. Accordingly, the Spirit calls you an adulterer. This is the same language He applies to the Israelites who worship other gods. You should read ***Jeremiah 3:6-10, 5:7-9, 23:9-24; Ezekiel 23:36-49***; and ***Hosea***; it is all so terrible. Like the Israelites, believers who are ruled by these “evil desires,” in pursuit of their own pleasures, worship other gods. They are just as rotten, dark, and evil as the Israelites of old.

The Spirit says that this sort of “friendship with the world” makes you an enemy of God, or literally, in the Greek, puts you in a hostile relationship with God. Keep in mind, Satan and his demons rule this world and that is who you are befriending.

This enmity is rendered in the *present active indicative* which means it is a statement of fact regarding your present way of life—you have chosen to put yourself at enmity with God. But then there is an interesting twist in the next line that seems to repeat this statement. In the act of wanting to be friends with this world—essentially making treaties with the enemies that dwell in your land and worshiping their gods—you have been made to become an enemy of God. This is rendered in the *aorist passive subjunctive*; it is done to you. The translation, “you make yourself to be an enemy” is not accurate at all. Rather, you have presented yourself to your enemy and in so doing they have ruled your land making you an enemy of God.

Moreover, when it says “you make yourself an enemy with god,” a literal translation would be: “an enemy of God he is set.” In other words, you have been placed down or permanently designated as an enemy of God. It is rendered in the *present passive indicative*—it is being done to you in your now and that is a statement of fact. In other words, because you have presented yourself to the world, the world has successfully conformed you into its image (**Romans 12:1-2**). How horrible is that? Have you even realized that when you dig in and hold on to your coping mechanisms in an attempt to protect your fear, pride, goodness, failure, insecurity, selfishness, envy, the victim mentality, and even your hatred, you allow yourself to be permanently formed into an enemy of God? This confirms we have talked about so many times: there is no middle ground. You are either with God or you stand fixed against Him!

And the Spirit within us is filled with envy. He is very emotional about this issue and He wants what you have given to those demons; He wants what rightfully

belongs to Him; He wants you. And He is the one who will give you a greater grace to stand against these enemies if you want to get rid of them. But this grace is only accessed through humility—through knowing 1) that the enemies that you love and protect do nothing but rob you of all the promises of God that should be yours in Christ Jesus; and 2) that life without Jesus is not worth living. But if in your pride you hold to your adulterous relationships and cling to your altars, sacred pillars, and Asherah poles, the Lord will actively resist and oppose you. Therefore, He commands you to humble yourself before the Lord or to let the Spirit within you submit you to the Lord and in obedience reject the enemies within your soul. The word “humble” (or in other translations “submit”) is in the *aorist passive imperative*—it is a command to let it be done to you by God.

Although the Spirit will cause us to submit to the Lord, for our part we are commanded to always actively resist or oppose the devil; it is a choice we are to make for it is rendered in the *aorist active imperative*. In other words, opposing the devil is to be our way of life. It is interesting that the Spirit used the word “devil” and not Satan, or any other derivation of names ascribed to Lucifer. And that is because the word “devil” means liar or slanderer—the accuser of the brethren. And this goes right to the lies and slanderous talk which our enemies use to convince us to let them live in the territory of our soul. They convince us that we need them and that they somehow help us survive this world. But it is all lies. They slander God and other believers and bring accusation against them; but, again, it is all lies. But if you choose to oppose the devil, he will flee from you and that is rendered in the *indicative* meaning it is a statement of fact; it is just a matter of time.

Remember, in **Deuteronomy 4** the Lord promised that if we seek Him and search

for Him with all of our heart that we will find Him. Likewise, if we draw near to God He will draw near to us. This is also in the *indicative* so it is a guarantee we can bet our lives upon. No matter what you have done or how much you have cavorted and loved the enemies in your soul, if you oppose the liar, humble yourself and truly draw near to God, He will draw near to you. You will know the greater grace that is powerful enough to break, smash, and destroy your coping mechanisms and kick out those enemies. Yes, the Lord's grace will draw each and every one of them out and then it will be up to you to kill them.

The latter part of this passage is all in commands as God is giving you a picture of what it means to draw near to Him. To cleanse your hands, is a command for you to stop indulging in your coping mechanisms. Stop it now; get rid of the filth. To purify your hearts, is a command for you to kill each and every enemy in your soul and wipe them off the face of the earth just like God commanded the Israelites to do to the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

Finally, the Lord commands you to spend time in sorrow, deep grief, sadness and gloom over you adulterous affair. Yes, you should feel awful for the indulgences you have made in your pride and arrogance. You have had a divided heart and have vacillated between the worship of God and the worship of demons. So own it! Stop trying to pretend that something else has been happening. Let this reality sink in to your heart, mind, and soul, and feel the pain of it all. Let the Spirit within you humble you before God (it is in the *passive* voice) and the Lord will lift you up and out of the sadness, pain, and deepest grief. Being in the *indicative*, this is a guarantee, you can bet your life upon it. He will do His part and lift you up in honor. You may have to mourn and feel the deepest grief for a while, but He will not leave



you there. If you let yourself be humbled by the Spirit, the Lord will lift you up. And, by the way, letting the Spirit humble you before the Lord is to be your way of life as it is rendered in the *aojist* tense.

God is a jealous God—a consuming fire—and He does not want us to be made a permanent enemy of **El Elyon**—the Most High God. **Hebrews 10:30-31** says, “The Lord will judge His people. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” You see, as God so clearly expressed to the Israelites, He will do whatever it takes to have you. He is so jealously in love with you that He will declare out right war against you in order to unmask the treacherous enemies who lie to you, deceive you, and entice you to stand in your pride. He will do whatever it takes to cause you to let the Spirit humble yourself before Him whereby you resist the devil, and seek the Lord with your heart, mind, soul, and strength. Our God’s name is **Jehovah Qanna**—jealous—and He wants you. This is both an alarming truth and one of the most blessed and securing of truths. Yes, it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God, but it is glorious to know that He will never let you go.

### **Hebrews 10:35-39**

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. “For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.” But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

Be a faithful one and choose to humble yourself before your God, for He is a jealous God and He wants you—all of you. And make note, His righteous ones—the chosen ones—make the decision to live by faith and not by what they would otherwise think and feel; and not in pursuit of their own pleasures and evil desires. Accordingly, the faithful ones will be saved. Take note, this is what it means when the Lord says: *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”* (**Acts 2:21**, quoting **Joel 2:32**).

Let's Pray