

SERIES TITLE: Acceptable Worship

PART 1: JEALOUS

TEXT: EXODUS 34:14

INTRODUCTION.

When is worship acceptable? The only way we can discover this is to see how Scripture defines it. As David Peterson writes, “We cannot simply determine for ourselves what is honoring to God.” We need a biblical and theological perspective. Of the ways God has revealed himself—creation, Conscience, Christ—he has given us objective truth in the written Word. Through these 7 weeks, we will consider a minute portion of what the Bible declares or demonstrates about worship. This is a crucial subject for every single follower of Jesus. Why? As Erwin Lutzer stated: “If we haven’t learned to be worshippers, it really doesn’t matter how well we do anything else.” May we become the kind of worshippers that God the Father seeks.

DISCUSSION.

Do you always see the word ‘jealous’ as negative? Why or why not?

EXAMINATION.

- What is the context for what the Lord declares in Exodus 34:14?
- How does that inform what it means for him to be jealous?

APPLICATION.

- What are some idols that get in the way of you giving God the honor and attention he deserves?
- What steps could you take to deal with those rivals?
- How can you passionately declare God’s worth? In corporate worship? In private worship? In your neighborhood? When with your friends and family?
- How can you give back to God in each of the following areas: Doing (actively)? Thinking (intellectually)? Feeling (emotionally)?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?

- Act: What are you going to do?