

Partners in Crime: Joseph's Brothers

Then Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; here we are, my lord's slaves, both we and he also with whom the cup was found."

Genesis 44:16

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:9

Generational deliverance concerns a particular sin by an ancestor in your generational line. The punishment for the sin falls on the one who has originally committed the sin, but the iniquity or bent toward reproducing that sin travels down the generational line handicapping his descendants. Still, the choice to sin or not is each person's responsibility. In the instance of Joseph's brothers, we can see the iniquity of generational sin of covetousness. This is motivated by the feeling of jealousy in the negative sense. Covetousness through envy can lead to hatred which can lead to murder. This is what happened in the story of Joseph and his brothers. Jacob favored him over his ten brothers. They were jealous of that relationship. Joseph's unwise sharing of his dreams about his destiny helped fanned the flames of their envy. The brothers gave into the iniquity of covetousness that was passed down from the sin of Jacob, their father, and attempted to kill Joseph. There was a happy resolution of the story however. Years later, the brothers are forced to face death in a severe famine. In the sequence of events, they remembered their crime and they felt guilty and afraid. In the end, Joseph, the Christ figure, confronted them, spared them, forgave them and revealed God's plan to bless them in spite of their sin. He then comforted them and provided for them. Time and time again, I finish my Immanuel sessions marveling at Immanuel's goodness, graciousness, farsightedness and His ability to turn what a person meant for evil into what He uses for good. He is brilliant.

Studies included in this article are: Covet; Covetousness; Coveted; Envy; Envied; Envyng; Spirit of Jealousy; Jealousy; Divine Jealousy; My Jealousy; Image of Jealousy; Israel's Jealousy

Covet

Exodus 20:17 You shall not [covet](#) your neighbor's house; you shall not [covet](#) your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

Exodus 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man [covet](#) your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.

Deuteronomy 5:21 You shall not [covet](#) your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Deuteronomy 7:25 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for *it is* an abomination to the LORD your God.

Proverbs 12:12 The wicked covet the catch of evil *men*, But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.

Micah 2:2 They covet fields and take *them* by violence, Also houses, and seize *them*. So they oppress a man and his house, A man and his inheritance.

Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

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James 4:2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Covetousness

Exodus 18:21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Psalms 119:36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.

Proverbs 28:16 A ruler who lacks understanding *is* a great oppressor, *But* he who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days.

Isaiah 57:17 For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.

Jeremiah 6:13 Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone *is* given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely.

Jeremiah 8:10 Therefore I will give their wives to others, *And* their fields to those who will inherit *them*; Because from the least even to the greatest Everyone is given to covetousness; From the prophet even to the priest Everyone deals falsely.

Jeremiah 22:17 Yet your eyes and your heart *are* for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent blood, And practicing oppression and violence.

Jeremiah 51:13 O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your covetousness.

Mark 7:22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers.

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Ephesians 5:3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Colossians 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

1 Thessalonians 2:5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God *is* witness.

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

2 Peter 2:3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Coveted

Joshua 7:21 When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

Acts 20:33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

Envy

Job 5:2 For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy slays a simple one.

Psalms 68:16 Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of *many* peaks? *This is* the mountain *which* God desires to dwell in; Yes, the LORD will dwell *in it* forever.

Proverbs 3:31 Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;

Proverbs 14:30 A sound heart *is* life to the body, But envy *is* rottenness to the bones.

Proverbs 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, But *be zealous* for the fear of the LORD all the day;

Ecclesiastes 9:6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

Isaiah 11:13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Isaiah 26:11 LORD, *when* Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For *their* [envy](#) of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.

Ezekiel 35:11 "Therefore, *as* I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will do according to your anger and according to the [envy](#) which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.

Matthew 27:18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of [envy](#).

Mark 15:10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of [envy](#).

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with [envy](#); and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

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Romans 13:13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and [envy](#).

1 Corinthians 3:3 for you are still carnal. For where *there are* [envy](#), strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men?

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not [envy](#); love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.

Galatians 5:21 [Envy](#), murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Philippians 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even from [envy](#) and strife, and some also from good will:

1 Timothy 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come [envy](#), strife, reviling, evil suspicions.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and [envy](#), hateful and hating one another.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter [envy](#) and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

James 3:16 For where [envy](#) and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, [envy](#), and all evil speaking.

Envi

Genesis 26:14 For he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines [envied](#) him.

Genesis 30:1 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel [envied](#) her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!"

Genesis 37:11 And his brothers [envied](#) him, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.

Psalms 106:16 When they envied Moses in the camp, *And* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

Ecclesiastes 4:4 Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Ezekiel 31:9 I made it beautiful with a multitude of branches, So that all the trees of Eden envied it, That *were* in the garden of God.

Envy

Galatians 5:26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Spirit of Jealousy

Numbers 5:14 If the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself—

Numbers 5:15 Then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall bring the offering required for her, one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, because it *is* a grain offering of jealousy, an offering for remembering, for bringing iniquity to remembrance.

Numbers 5:30 Or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her.

Jealousy

Numbers 5:18 Then the priest shall stand the woman before the LORD, uncover the woman's head, and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which *is* the grain offering of jealousy. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse.

Numbers 5:25 Then the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, shall wave the offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar;

Numbers 5:29 This *is* the law of jealousy, when a wife, *while* under her husband's *authority*, goes astray and defiles herself.

Proverbs 6:34 For jealousy *is* a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

Proverbs 27:4 Wrath *is* cruel and anger a torrent, But who *is* able to stand before jealousy?

Song of Solomon 8:6 THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love *is* as strong as death, Jealousy *as* cruel as the grave; Its flames *are* flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

Divine Jealousy

Deuteronomy 29:20 The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His [jealousy](#) would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven.

Deuteronomy 32:16 They provoked Him to [jealousy](#) with foreign *gods*; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

Deuteronomy 32:21 They have provoked Me to [jealousy](#) by *what* is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to [jealousy](#) by *those who are* not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

1 Kings 14:22 Now Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to [jealousy](#) with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done.

Psalms 78:58 For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, And moved Him to [jealousy](#) with their carved images.

Psalms 79:5 How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your [jealousy](#) burn like fire?

Ezekiel 16:38 And I will judge you as women who break wedlock or shed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and [jealousy](#).

Ezekiel 16:42 So I will lay to rest My fury toward you, and My [jealousy](#) shall depart from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no more.

Zephaniah 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD'S wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His [jealousy](#), For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

1 Corinthians 10:22 Or do we provoke the Lord to [jealousy](#)? Are we stronger than He?

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly [jealousy](#). For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.

My Jealousy

Ezekiel 23:25 I will set My [jealousy](#) against you, And they shall deal furiously with you; They shall remove your nose and your ears, And your remnant shall fall by the sword; They shall take your sons and your daughters, And your remnant shall be devoured by fire.

Ezekiel 36:5 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in My burning [jealousy](#) against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with whole-hearted joy *and* spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country."

Ezekiel 36:6 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My [jealousy](#) and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations."

Ezekiel 38:19 For in My [jealousy](#) *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

Zephaniah 3:8 "Therefore wait for Me," says the LORD, "Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination *is* to gather the nations To My assembly of kingdoms, To pour on them My indignation, All my fierce anger; All the earth shall be devoured With the fire of My [jealousy](#)."

Image of Jealousy

Ezekiel 8:3 He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the north gate of the inner *court*, where the seat of the image of [jealousy](#) *was*, which provokes to [jealousy](#).

Ezekiel 8:5 Then He said to me, "Son of man, lift your eyes now toward the north." So I lifted my eyes toward the north, and there, north of the altar gate, was this image of [jealousy](#) in the entrance.

Israel's Jealousy

Romans 10:19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to [jealousy](#) by *those who are* not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation."

Romans 11:11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to [jealousy](#), salvation *has come* to the Gentiles.

Romans 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to [jealousy](#) *those who are* my flesh and save some of them.

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