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I had the opportunity to attend one of Dr. Mathias’ “Biblical Foundations of Freedom” seminars a couple of months ago and it was a life changing event for me. I saw firsthand what God was doing at his seminars; I witnessed how powerful forgiveness is – people were getting set free because they decided to forgive – some had been holding onto unforgiveness for years - and that is why I decided to adapt his book into my Recovery program. Forgiveness is powerful because when we decide to forgive, we are obeying God’s Word and when we obey God, we will be blessed.

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Welcome to the journey that is going to change your life!

God bless,

Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks, PsyD

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- Discernment – Chapter Two (2½ hours) – March 7th – March 13th.
- Accusing Spirits – Chapter Three (2½ hours) – March 14th – March 20th.
- The Major Strongholds, or Principalities, of Satan – Chapter Four (1½ hours) – March 21st – 27th.
- Principality of Bitterness – Chapter Five (2½ hours) – March 28th – April 3rd.
- Principality of Self-Bitterness, Unloving Spirits – Chapter Six (3½ hours) – April 11th – April 24th.
- Forgiveness – Chapter Seven (2 hours) – April 25th – May 1st.
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- Principality of Rejection – Chapter Nine (3½ hours) – May 9th – May 15th.
- Principality of Fear – Chapter Ten (2½ hours) – May 16th – May 22nd.
- Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia & Sorcery – Chapter Eleven (2½ hours) – May 23rd – May 29th.
- The Kinsman Redeemer – Chapter Twelve (1½ hours) – May 30th – June 5th.
- The Armor of God – Chapter Thirteen (5½ hours) – June 6th – June 12th.
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Topic & Goal:

➤ **Principality of Jealousy & Envy – Goal: to define and explain the principality of jealousy & envy. To accomplish this goal, we will:**

- ✚ Define Jealousy & Envy
- ✚ Explain The Entry Routes
- ✚ Give God's Truth
- ✚ Explain How To Be Set Free
- ✚ Give "Freedom Prayer"



Principality of Jealousy & Envy

Definition

There are two types of jealousy and envy. One is the righteous jealousy that God has for each of His sons and daughters, and the other is Satan's counterfeit.

The dictionary defines "jealousy" as "full of envy, grudging, resentful, or suspicious"; "envy" as "discontent or ill will at another's good fortune because one wishes it had been his." In both the Greek and Hebrew languages as used in Scripture, the words jealousy and envy are interchangeable. In addition, they describe covetousness.

Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness." Conversation goes beyond mere talk. Rather, it includes a wide range of personal interaction, describing the manner and conduct of those interactions. So, Hebrews is teaching that we interact with others; our motive should never include coveting their goods or position. Someone whose conversation is always targeted at gaining an advantage over another has a problem with covetousness.

Covetousness results in an intense desire to own another's status or possessions. We envy our friend's fine wardrobe or position at the office; we may also covet his wife. We may covet Cousin Kate's healthy, well-tuned and tanned body, while looking own as flabby and wrinkled. We may be jealous of Kate because she has better health than we do.

Satan adds lust to jealousy and envy. Here lust refers to an intense, unrestrained desire to acquire in order to "keep up with the Joneses," or to satisfy some emotional or physical void. It adds strong emotional energy to our thirst for self-satisfaction. As a factor of jealousy and envy, lust schemes to take something beautiful — for instance, someone else's spouse or child — and use it to satisfy a selfish pleasure. The assumption is that by so stealing away another's beautiful possession, we will gain their status or pleasure.

Entry Routes

There are two major routes jealousy and envy use to enter our lives. One is through comparison and the other is through competition with others. Either route results in bitterness at another or ourselves.

Competition drives us to say, "I don't care if Jodie has a new diamond ring. I'm worth at least as much as she is, so I think you should get me that diamond earring and necklace set. That'll make Jodie take notice." Competition does not care that the other person has something we just want more. This usually results in anger and bitterness directed at another. We become angry at others because they have something that we don't.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

Comparison takes a different approach to jealousy and envy. Comparison says, "Oh that Jodie thinks she's really something with her fancy clothes and all. Now she's got this big ring. I can't stand her haughty attitude." Or we might compare our figure, intelligence, speaking abilities or other talents with others. Comparison results in bitterness toward ourselves. In comparing to others we degrade or belittle ourselves. We become angry at ourselves because we do not measure up to others in some way.

As we study jealousy and envy, I don't plan on dissecting the difference between how competition and comparison express themselves. It may not even be possible to do so. But it is important to recognize how Satan attacks us.

Satan's kingdom applies the strategy of networking. Jealousy and envy are tied to bitterness. Until we defeat bitterness, we cannot begin to deal with jealousy and envy. We cannot successfully deal with rejection until we have dealt with bitterness and jealousy and envy. All of these sins support one another, tying themselves together in a bundle of evil. Don't lose hope, though, He that is in us is greater than Satan!

Jealousy and envy cause us to take our eyes off God and focus them on others. Instead of gaining value and fulfillment internally, from above, we attempt to do so externally, from around us.

Jealousy and envy employ hatred. "Yes, Axel's Lexus is beautiful. I appreciate that he's made millions in the stock market. He's got a lot of nice stuff. But I hate him because he got all the breaks and all I got is five kids in braces."

What makes jealousy so insidious is that we really love and want for ourselves what we hate in the other person. It's not that we don't like what they have; it's that we don't have it for ourselves. No matter how much jealous and envious people obtain, they are never satisfied. They will never have peace, because they always compare with someone else.

We will only lose the comparison or competition game. There always will be someone that has more, or can do more. We must realize and accept our position in Christ. He does not compare us to others, so why do we?

Satan uses jealousy and envy to destroy our self-security and self-acceptance. We fail to see what God is doing in our lives because we are focusing elsewhere. Jealousy and envy seek to prevent us from becoming what Jesus Christ created us to be. They convince us that God doesn't provide what we really need. They say, "If God cared, He'd see that we need a bigger house, like the Olson's."



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

The ultimate result of jealousy and envy is murder. If not controlled and eliminated, eventually jealousy and envy push us to get rid of someone from our lives. Almost none of us resort to physical murder, of course. Instead we become verbally abusive, driving someone away, or we purpose to avoid someone, thereby "murdering" our relationship with them. So incensed do we become, that we find ways to sever our relationship with another person.

The root of most wars between nations is jealousy and envy. Why do many nations of the world hate America? Because we have great material wealth as a result of God's blessing.

Why do so many groups and individuals hate Jews? It is because they tend to be very successful people. Do you know why? Because of the covenant God made with Abraham and the giving of His law, Jewish people have a culture that drives them to be successful. If we apply His precepts, His blessing will follow. The rain falls on the just the unjust.

In nations dominated by a Christian culture, material comforts and political liberties tend to be more abundant. This is a result of God's New Covenant with believers sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Jealousy and envy are like the flames of hell that constantly torment sinners: they are never satisfied. Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness." And, "be content with such things as you have. For He has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you."

This Hebrews verse is taken from an Old Testament passage. Joshua 1:5 says, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; and I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." In Hebrews 13:5-6 we read, "... for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall unto me."

Jealousy and envy steal our peace and contentment. They prevent us from being Godly. Without Godliness, we are like an unpainted, non-galvanized, metal pail. Over, time, rust eats it away and creates holes. Everything we try to carry falls out and eventually the whole bucket collapses under its own weight. All the time, the rust quietly saps the bucket's strength.

Jealousy and envy steal our self-esteem, accusing us every day. We lack peace with God, and the peace of God, rendering us unable to get along with anyone, including ourselves. Instead of measuring our level of Godliness against the Bible, we measure our level of goods against the Bensons' — and the Bensons always have better than we do.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

The first blessing God wants to give us is peace of mind and heart. Have you ever felt fearful of another person or intimidated by them? Hebrews 13:6 says, "... so that we may boldly say the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." We fear rejection by the other person, or fear what they can do to us. Why? God says not to fear what man can do to us.

Too often we try to emulate people we fear, thinking that if we can only have what they have, or be like them, we will have peace. We always lose this game of comparison. There is always someone who has more or is better looking.

The bitterness that jealousy and envy fuel in us against others - and ourselves - ultimately leads to distrust and unbelief in God's provision. This will eventually lead to bitterness against God. As we sense a root of bitterness in our lives, we need to remember we were the ones who allowed it to be planted, not God. We chose to compare ourselves to others or judge a person's value based on their looks or appearance of success. God never participates in this game of comparison (Acts 10:34).

We say, "If I could just look like Mike, if I were just like him, then he'd accept me." God says, "I like the way you look. I made you that way and even better than that, I can make you look more like Me. You want to be like Mike, or like Me? You choose."

Colossians 3:5 says, "Mortify therefore your members, which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil, concupiscence, covetousness, which is idolatry." To covet is to idolize. God says to put no other Gods ahead of Him. Idolatry is rooted in jealousy and envy, both of which are Satan's spirits.

Idolatry, with its link to covetousness, can be defined as looking at others, and lusting after them or their possessions. Lust links to bitterness.

Idolatry is the act of giving anything a higher priority in our life than God. If we value others' opinions more than God's, we are idolatrous. If we covet someone else's possessions instead of being satisfied with God's provision, we are idolatrous.

God is greater than everything else, individually or collectively. I John 3:20 says, "If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and He knoweth all things." If we are fighting bitterness, self-bitterness, envy, jealousy, rejection, uncleanness and unloveliness, God is greater than all these. God is greater than any demon influence. God knows His plan for us, and He will lead us through it. Satan doesn't know God's specific plan for us, but he knows he hates God and will use jealousy and envy to divert our direction.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

When Jesus began His public ministry, as recorded in Mark 1:14-15, He preached the Gospel in Galilee. He said the time is fulfilled and the kingdom is at hand. repent and believe the gospel. Many people hear the Gospel preached, but fail to believe it or act on it.

James 1:22 says, don't be a hearer of the Word only, but also be a doer. Believing the gospel is the issue and real belief is followed by real action. Action is driven by the tutoring of the Holy Spirit and God's Word. Belief is more than head-knowledge. Even the demons believe, and they tremble, but they do not obey God (James 2:19). Belief alone does not provide justification (salvation). Romans 2:13 says, "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." James teaches us that faith without works is dead, being alone (James 2:17-18, 20, 26).

Jealousy and envy are rooted in a shallow and ineffective belief in the Gospel. The mature believer knows that all his needs are met in Christ, and has no room for jealousy and envy. He knows God loves him and will care for him. If we are still jealous or envious, we have fallen out of agreement with God, failing to accept that we are special to Him, and that He is able to satisfy all the needs of our life.

Bitterness, self-bitterness, jealousy and envy, rejection and fear are all networked. If we fail to successfully defeat them in spiritual warfare, we run the risk that they will become so entrenched that we will assume their nature. It is a sad situation when we know that God created us, yet we call ourselves bitterness; we become these spirits instead of becoming who God says we are.

For some of us, the root of bitterness has grown into a fruit-bearing vine (God help us! – there is NO ONE excepted from the devil's rampage of terror). Our only escape is through the power of God; He is the only one who can deliver us.

The fruit of the vine of bitterness includes retaliation, cruelty, fury, malice, rage, sadism, screaming, spitefulness, treachery, control, bossiness, dominance, greed, impatience, covetousness, craving, curiosity, discontent, material lust, anger, antagonism, contempt, contention, enmity, fighting, hatred, hostility, irritation, murder, resentment, self-hatred, temper, unforgiveness, violence, wrath, strife, annoying, bickering, contention, discord, quarreling, sarcasm, and slander; all of these demons network with jealousy, envy, and covetousness (My God! No wonder it is such a battle to get free; you are battling all these spirits at once – God help us!). They move together as worms in a bait bucket, feeding off each other.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

Proverbs 6:34-35b says, "For jealousy is the rage of a man. Therefore, he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not regard any ransom. . . ." Jealous people aren't interested in reconciliation. Maybe you have been on the receiving end of such a relationship. You approach someone, pouring your heart out before them, but they have a jealous spirit. Instead of ransoming their jealousy, they ravage you. Instead of reconciliation, they seek advantage or even revenge.

Proverbs 9:8 says, "Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee." Have you ever had the pleasant experience of reproving a wise man? It seems almost contradictory, but even wise men make mistakes. Yet, when a mature believer (or even a novice) confronts the wise spirit-filled man, he receives back a smile, or a frown of real concern and repentance. He is offered a Christian hug. And when he is wrongfully reprovved, he still seeks non-judgmental reconciliation.

The scorner, though, retaliates when reprovved. His retort is filled with jealousy, envy, and bitterness. He cannot accept reason. Each time you buffer your comments with kindness, he has an evil retort. When you're done with him, he tries to get even with you. It's not enough for him to win. He wants you to pay for what you did.

The reprovved scorner will then slander you to every person who will listen. He will try to recruit others to his team. Others who likewise have a spirit of covetousness, jealousy and envy, and bitterness, identify with the scorner, and become a divisive spiritual military attack. All that's left is to satisfy the vultures that hover above, waiting to swallow up the pieces.

Let's look at an example: Two pastors on the staff of the same church fell into conflict. The teaching pastor believed his job included only the tasks as specifically outlined on his job description, and when pushed by church members to launch something new, he responded angrily. The music and worship pastor believed he ought to go beyond his job description and do whatever the Spirit laid on his heart. He resented the lazy schedule of the teaching pastor and allowed a spirit of bitterness to take root. The senior pastor refused to resolve the conflict. Finally, the music pastor resigned. His followers attacked the teaching pastor who rallied his own troops. The church nearly split.

Months later, one of the men who tried to bring public reconciliation between the pastors, elders and members, was asked to teach. The elder who chose him appreciated his spirit of meekness and the wisdom with which he handled the teaching pastor's personal attacks against him.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

Weeks later, the teaching pastor pressed the elder to fire the man as a teacher, suggesting he deserved the punishment of Galatians 5:12. It talks of cutting such a person out of the fellowship, comparing it to a castration.

Two years later, after the member tried to win reconciliation with the teaching pastor, the teaching pastor resigned. The two years had been tough on him as he fought the spirit of bitterness that had been watered and nurtured by jealousy and envy. Satan nearly won a major victory in a fast-growing, Bible-believing and alive church.

You can see in this true example how jealousy and envy can lead a viscous attack when given a battlement within the body of believers.

Proverbs 27:3-4 says, "A stone is heavy, the sand is weighty, but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both. Wrath is cruel, anger is outrageous, but who is able to stand before envy?" Who is able to stand before envy? Proverbs 27:5-6 continues, "Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Song of Solomon 8:6 says, "Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thy arm, for love is strong as death, and jealousy is cruel as the grave. The coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." Wow, what a statement! "Love is as strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave, the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." Jealousy is a burning, demonic reality.

A person who has a spirit of jealousy is very dangerous. They are not content until everyone around them is destroyed, so they can stand there in victory. But jealous people never get the very thing they want. Jealousy is an unquenchable thirst. Because they can't have it, they seek to make certain that others will never have it either. **People, this is no joke, if you see yourselves in any way in this teaching, I beseech you to get delivered; ask God to show you yourself and deliver you – resist the enemy so he can flee. The ultimate goal of these spirits is to totally destroy; they want you gone from the face of the earth and will do whatever it take to make it happen.**

Father I pray in the Name of Jesus for every person reading this lecture, that you open their eyes spiritually and let them see themselves. Let them know what is in their hearts that they need delivering from. Deliver Your people God and set them totally free from all bondages of satan. Thank You Father for doing this, in Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

A man may be so jealous of his wife that she can hardly breathe without arousing his jealousy. She can't even talk innocently with another man, or look at him. Sometimes this type of jealousy and envy even results in abusive stalking. Occasionally, jealousy and envy rage so strongly they lead to murder.

Such scenario shows that the love that might have existed in the beginning either was not really love, or became infected with a root of bitterness. Sometimes, love is not love at all, but lustful fantasy. Impure love builds on a set of false expectations and its not scriptural love. Jealousy and envy says, "If I can't have you, no one else will. I will kill you and them too, if I have to." The media reports just such outcomes every day.

Infidelity can arise out of a spirit of jealousy. Though both men and women can be adulterers, the breach caused by a woman's infidelity is more serious than the man's is. This is not to diminish his sin. Rather, it's because a man's blessing or cursing of his wife is of a special concern to God.

In God's order of things, He chose to give more permanent power to a man's curse or blessing than that of a woman. A woman can create a situation that the devil will use. But when the man in authority makes a declaration or a statement of intent, it has a greater potential for demonic abuse than the woman's statement. When the woman screams, "I hate you! I want to see you dead" it is serious. When the man screams out the same words, it stirs Satan's stewpot of demonic activity and evil intent often leads to evil actions. This is another one of the added responsibilities God assigned to men.

Men tend to let emotional things roll off, and don't dwell on them to the same extent a woman does. A man may vent his anger loudly and aggressively, but within minutes he's done with it. A woman tends to live in an angry stew for days. God created women to be responders to their husbands. Men who fail to unselfishly love their wives, who lash out and curse at them, bring devastation into their hearts.

It is important to understand that God considers all sins equal. Even the smallest sin separates us from our perfect God. Adultery is no greater a sin than creating strife. In Jesus, all sin is forgiven, save one: the unpardonable sin. Matthew 12:31 says, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men."

Every sin has the consequence, though the consequences on earth can be quite different (acquire a sexual disease by lying). Every sin opens the door for Satan to us, to produce disease in our body, and conflict in our soul.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Entry Routes (continued)

Terminated male and female relationships, whether they ended in divorce or just a break up, produce flash points that ignite jealousy and envy. The spiritual dynamics are incredible. The Bible says that when a man has had sexual relations with a harlot, he becomes one with her.

I Corinthians 6:16 says, "What? know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh." This is called a "soul tie."

When the relationship is ungodly, it results in the transference of unclean spirits to both of the partners. Matthew 5:28 says, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." The soul tie is formed in any sexual relationship. We have also learned that they can be formed with emotional attachments to old boy or girl friends. If we find ourselves comparing our spouse to another person, there is a soul tie that we must repent for and break.

Genesis teaches that a man should leave his mother and father and cling to his wife. They become one flesh. When he lies with another woman, or she with another man, they tear apart their own flesh and throw wide open the door for the spirit of jealousy and envy to accuse them. They set themselves up for spiritual and physical disease. Restoration of a marriage life will only happen when the spirit of jealousy and envy has been swept out of our minds. These are very strong forces that work insidiously.

Numbers 5:14 says, "And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled."

When a wife is caught in adultery, a spirit of jealousy often rules her husband. If there is a child born out of the illicit sexual relationship, the spirit of jealousy often transfers to the innocent child. Satan uses the father's spirit of jealousy and envy as grounds to attach himself to the wife and children.

God's Truth

Let's change gears and look at jealousy from a different angle. In many Bible passages, God says that He is jealous, or that He is a jealous God (see Exodus 20:5, 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24, 5:9, 6:15; Nahum 1:2). How can God be jealous?

Let's once again examine the definition of jealousy. There is another definition of "jealousy" in Greek, Hebrew and English that means "zeal" or "to be zealous." God is jealous, or zealous, and the focus of his jealousy is you. This is the positive side of jealousy. It is not possible for God to possess an evil spirit of jealousy and envy.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

God's Truth (continued)

God's jealousy is not from an evil spirit. It's God's zeal for us, and an expression of His love for His children. If you are a parent, you know what it means to be jealous over your children. This type of jealousy is an expression of God's desire to protect and care for us, to desire the very best in our lives. Picture a mother hen sheltering her little chicks under her wings, protecting them from the hawk that stalks the, from above. It's the zeal of protection.

When God speaks to us through His Word or by His Spirit, it is a grave danger to refuse His counsel. Not only does it tell Him that we don't need Him, it us removes us from His protection against Satan's wiles. God gives us over to our own devices (Proverbs 1:24-31), leaving us to battle Satan alone. None of us is that strong.

What does all this mean? For this "I did it my way" person, it means that satan has become their "word." Satan has become their zeal and he is jealous over them. Satan's jealousy is destructive, and his ultimate goal is to see them destroyed.

God cannot have an intimate relationship with us if we choose to be a spiritual harlot, making satan our spiritual pimp. God desires fellowship with us far more than we desire fellowship with Him. We were created for His pleasure. He came to the Garden of Eden, and walked in the cool of the evening with Adam and Eve every day. And He wants to be our Best Friend. Jesus said, I no longer call you servants, but I call you friends (John 15:15).

Before we can have a close relationship with another person we must become friends. A marriage doesn't work unless we become friends. Jesus wants each of us as His friend. Friendship creates a foundation upon which He builds an eternal marriage.

The spirit of jealousy seeks to destroy you forever, but God's jealousy, even after we have run off and committed spiritual adultery for a time, comes to woo us back to Him. Through the Holy Spirit's prodding, He seeks to receive our repentance and grant us full forgiveness and a reaffirmation of the marital vows. God delights in restoring us to a place of fellowship with Him.

We will reap what we sow; if we sow jealousy and envy, we reap their rewards. If we sow hatred or bitterness, what will we reap? (See Job 4:8) That is the bottom line. Ezekiel 35:11 says, "I will do to you according to your anger, I will do to you according to your envy, and I will do to you according to your bitterness and hatred." If we sow hell's garbage then we have no right to cry because we reap the bitter fruit of our immoral labor.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

God's Truth (continued)

God wants to heal, save and deliver us, but He cannot if we continue to rebel against Him. He wants to set us free. John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Do you know why God wants to set us free? Because then we can teach others how to have the same freedom that we have found in Jesus Christ. In Psalms 51:13, David says, "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." However, before he made this pledge, he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; with thy free spirit" (Psalms 51:10-12).

David dealt with his own life before he attempted to help others. We need to clean out our spiritual house to such a degree that we will have the freedom and power to effectively minister to others. Jesus is more than sufficient to act as our cleaning agent.

Will you trust Him? Will you make yourself vulnerable today? Vulnerability might frighten you. Can you choose faith in God over your feelings? That describes a miracle. Doesn't it? God wants to work a miracle of healing in you, but you must be vulnerable and ready to receive it.

All jealousy and envy must go. They prevent wholesome relationships with others and with God. Discernment allows you to see how jealousy and envy seek to act out their evil natures in your life. Malachi 3:18 says, "... discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

How To Be Free

On a practical level, to rid yourself of jealousy and envy, make a list of the specifics in your life where you have sinned in this area. Write across the top of the page, "People I've envied or been jealous of, and the reasons why." As you write out your list, be honest with yourself and God. Be vulnerable.

Next, renounce and repent of each instance of jealousy and envy in your life, and in past generations. Repent of all covetousness, idolatrous comparisons, discontent, not trusting God, competition, pride, self-conceit, strife, rivalry, and fear of man. Be sure to consider jealousy between you and your spouse, betrothed or others with whom you are close.

Develop a holy hatred of jealousy and envy. Just as there is a Godly counterpart to jealousy, there's a Godly counterpart to hatred (Genesis 3:15). Jealousy and envy are unacceptable in a believer's life. You must fall out of agreement with jealousy, envy, and covetousness, and purpose to have nothing to do with them. Pray for discernment to be able to recognize when you are being attacked.



Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

How To Be Free (continued)

Recognize that these attacks are Satan's fiery darts. Resist them and the evil they seek to accomplish in your life.

Break the curse of jealousy in your life from prior generations. Then in Jesus' name command the spirit of jealousy and envy to leave you and all your generations, clear back to Adam! Then ask God to come and heal your heart and restore your bones that sin destroyed. Why ask that He restore our bones? Because Proverbs 14:30 says, "A sound heart is the life of flesh: but envy [is] the rottenness of the bones."

God wants to bless you in every area of your life. Agreeing with Him and appropriating the power and authority of Jesus Christ, you can rid yourself of anything in your life that opposes His will for you. John 8:36 gives the result: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Freedom Prayer

Now you have identified the jealousies and envies in your life, and you can take them before the throne of God and confess and repent of them. The stronghold they have held in your life will be destroyed and Satan's power over you will be legally cancelled. Here is an example of a prayer you can use to banish jealousy and envy from your life:

Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, and as an act of my free will, I confess and repent for the (specific jealousy/envy). I ask you, Lord Jesus, to forgive me. I purpose and choose to forgive myself from my heart, for this (specific jealousy/envy), and I release myself from any guilt or shame from this (specific jealousy/envy). In the name Jesus, and by the power of His blood, I cancel Satan's authority over me in this (specific jealousy/envy). In name of Jesus, I command this jealousy and envy to go.

Holy Spirit, I invite you into my heart to heal me of pain and hurt. Please speak your words of truth to me about this situation.





Principality of Jealousy & Envy (continued)

Freedom Prayer (continued)

As the Holy Spirit speaks to you, write down His message in the space provided. When you have finished this prayer for each person or situation on your principality of jealousy and envy list, command the principality of jealousy and envy to go in the name of Jesus.

MY JEALOUSIES/ENVIES:
(PEOPLE, THINGS, CIRCUMSTANCES):

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ANSWER (TRUTH):

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BFOF Study Guide

Topic: Principality of Jealousy & Envy

May 2nd – May 8th

Study Guide Goals:

- To understand how jealousy and envy affect our relationship with God and with others.
- To have freedom from have freedom from jealousy and envy.

To Think About:

Name the two kinds of jealousy.

- 1.
- 2.

Give a definition of jealousy.

What does Hebrews 13:5 say concerning covetousness:

What two ways does jealousy and envy enter our lives?

- 1.
- 2.

Whom do we have our eyes on if jealousy and envy are a part of our life?

What does jealousy and envy destroy and steal?

What is the ultimate result of jealousy and envy?

If we have jealousy and envy toward others, are we trusting in God's provisions?



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Define idolatry.

How do envy and jealousy get a root?

What does Proverbs 6:34-35 say concerning jealousy?

Explain why God is called a jealous God.

Give examples of jealousy and envy found in: Gen. 4:4-8, 16:5-6, 21:9-10, 26:15, 37:4, Numbers 16:3-10, I Samuel 18:8-11, Esther 5:9-13, Mark 15:10, John 17:11.

What do jealousy and envy do to our relationship with God and with others?

Are jealousy and envy acceptable in a believer's life?

Personal Responsibility:

Make a list of specific instances of envy and jealousy in your own life. List anyway you compare yourself to others or compete with others.

Application:

Pray this prayer for each specific instance of envy and jealousy:

Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus I ask you to forgive me for (specific sin of competition or comparison). I purpose and choose to forgive myself and release myself from (same as above). In the name of Jesus I cancel all of Satan's power and authority over me in this issue, because God has forgiven me and I have forgiven myself.

Holy Spirit please come and heal my heart. And tell me your truth about this situation.

Listen to the Holy Spirit and write down what happens.