

*“And God spake all these words, saying, ‘I AM the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Before Me.**” Exodus 20:1-3 KJV*



How often do we claim to love God while pursuing an ungodly philosophy or activity? I admit guilt. It is not always the overt thought or deed which is ungodly; it is often some small neglect or inattentive thought that fails to “*acknowledge Him*” which causes us to stray. Whatever is opposed to God’s Word in thought and deed is UN-godly, and all ungodliness is “*other gods.*” Think of it like this: You have fallen in love and your beloved pledges their heart to you and you alone, forever. Then as you walk together you see them look fondly at and hear them speak in an endearing tone to a stranger even as they stand with you. Would you not begin to doubt their commitment and pledge? Would you not then find jealousy a rising emotion? God feels exactly the same way about His own! “*For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose Name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; And shewing Mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My Commandments.*” Think to yourself for a moment: What does jealousy provoke? Is it not anger? Anger causes wars and death among men, so why would you want to provoke the anger of a jealous omnipotent God whose very Breath can destroy you? “*Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,*” forever! If you really love God, it’s because you know Him and that knowledge of His power and Holiness is what puts you in fear of His Anger! “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*” Ungodliness is usually in your face 24/7, like a fearless harlot trying to woo a lover in the presence of their beloved! The defining difference of ungodliness is lack of fear. “*Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the Way of Peace have they not known: THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.*” If you are able to indulge sin without the slightest amount of foreboding, you are in danger of God’s Eternal Wrath! Jealousy does not manifest itself in deed at the onset, but slowly fills the cup of anger until it is full and only then does it spill over into destructive deed.

Ungodliness has no excuse,
It fearlessly is oft pursued,
By men who have no fear of God,
Who fill the Cup of Wrath of God! –CGP

“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.” God’s Wrath doesn’t “spill” over, because it is infinite in capacity to which eternal damnation can attest, but it is “poured out in measured quantities on ungodliness as His Sovereign Will and Mercy dictate! Do you wonder that His Wrath has not yet been visited upon the wicked? “*For the Wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the Truth in unrighteousness.*” They are not ignorant of God, but they will fear Him when it is too late! “*Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. The Time is at hand. ‘Behold, I come quickly; and My Reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.’”* We fear consequences only from experiential knowledge of them; either our own or another’s, but no knows the torment of hell until it is too late! All disobedience is “*other gods,*” including the thought where it begins.

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the Knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the Obedience of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV