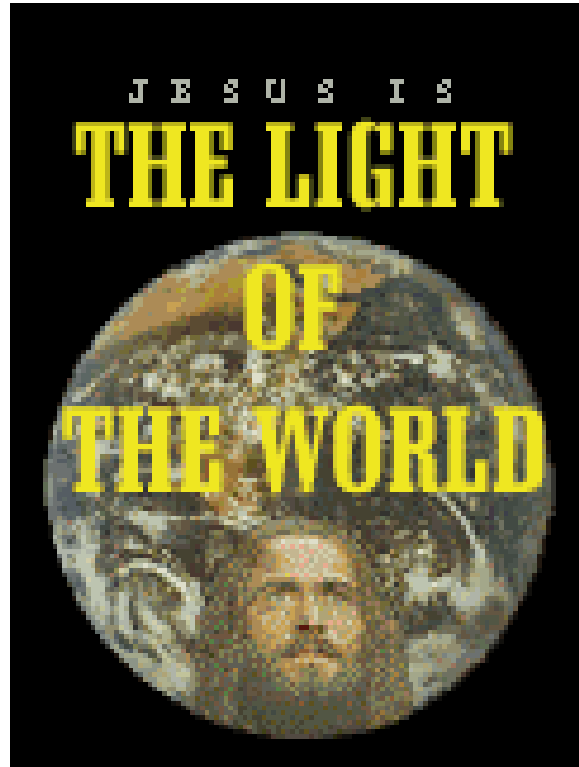


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James 3-16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

JEALOUSY

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

First and foremost, thank You Father for another opportunity to spread Your message of love, hope and peace for all the world to follow, through Your Son Christ Jesus. Thank You again, for blessing this ministry with Your indwelling Spirit. Thanks for all Your inspiration and wisdom You give me, to write this monthly journal each month. Without Your inspiration and wisdom, there would be no Spiritual Connection. Father, You are the Creator and Designer of it all. So again, thanks Father for everything!! This month's spiritual message, is one that is of real concern. It is about a sin of major proportion, that can totally destroy our lives and our souls. It can eat at our souls just like cancer. It is one of the most unspoken but deadliest of all sins, that sin is jealousy!! Jealousy is like a thief in the night, it starts to slowly take over our soul, without any prior notice, or warning. It's easy with the help of the Lord, to understand it's purpose, and that purpose is to destroy our soul. The master plan, was designed by the king of deception himself, **Satin**. What an ingenious plan of deception he came up with. In this Christ less world, jealousy is at an all time high, due to the who gives a dam attitude out there today. That coupled with the fact that the majority of the world don't even have a clue what the devil is even doing to them. It's actually sad and pitiful to say the least, to see a world full of so much jealousy, envy, strife, and murder. At this time, you might be saying to yourself, what is he talking about, I have no jealousy? My friends, that's what the devil wants us all to believe. The devil will continue to nurture it, until it becomes our destruction. With the devil, it starts out simple from when we were children. A simple example would be, if one of your brothers or sisters got a little more attention from your mother or father or even if your teacher at school showed more attention to one of your classmates. Also, If anyone had something that you didn't have, say a new bike or whatever. I think you sort of get the message at this time. It all starts out real simple and innocent. As we start to grow up, that same minor innocence, starts to become more serious. At that point if unchecked, we can soon develop obsessions about materialistic things, or whatever the jealousy may be.. We can feel deprived or forgotten. we can even feel like it's owed to us! It doesn't have to be from materialism, etc., it could stem from the type of job you have, and the people you work with. We could be jealous of another ones color, race, creed, natural origin, or whatever? There are so many people in this world jealous for so many different reasons, I would need to write a book that would strictly be devoted to all the things that people get jealous about. Jealousy is not a sin at first, but it can become a sin when we start to get obsessed from jealousy. After we become obsessed with jealousy, it then turns into envy, hatred, or it can eventually turn into murder! Take for instance the terrorist, they are at this time a perfect example of jealousy, envy, hatred, and murder all in one.. The terrorist originally started out with jealousy in their hearts for the freedoms we share in his country. Then it moved on to envy for the religious freedoms we have. Then

it moved into hatred for the way we live. From that point, it automatically moved into murder and destruction not only of themselves, but for anyone who gets in their way. Jealousy is the core that fuels their fire. The devils got them all convinced that they are heading for a better place after their mission is complete. Common sense, If we don't try to make this place here on earth better, how in this world could we ever be going to a better place! Without God's peace in your soul, it is impossible to find peace later on. It's now or never says the Lord. The Lord says in Proverbs 14:30 **A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.** Another great scripture from the book of proverbs is in chapter 27:4 when the Lord said **Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy**

As I have read throughout the Bible from the beginning of creation until the present, jealousy has been and always will be, on the top of the list of tools that Satan uses in his deceptive arsenal to destroy our souls. Sin got it's start from Satin's jealousy of God the Father. His jealousy led to his fall and his defeat and also led to mans fall from grace which introduced, original sin! So try and always remember the fact that, without the word of the living God dwelling from within our souls, we are like sheep heading for Satin's slaughter house. There is no antidote from this destructive sin, except the word of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him, with Him, and in Him, are the only chances we have. There is no middle ground for negotiation with the Lord! It's His way or hells way, we all have choices to make. There is no such thing as jealousy in choices. Choices, are the only real thing we have that none of us can be jealous of.

I am sure that there are a lot of people in this world that are jealous of the choices we make. But when you look at it as a whole, we all have the same opportunity to make the right choices in life. Right choices don't have no prejudice or racial barriers.

Right choices are not about rich or poor, or whatever ethnic origin we are from. We are all on the same playing field. Reason being, we are all of God's people. Being that we are all God's people, the Lord calls us all to be peaceful and not be jealous of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Lord says in Isaiah 57:19 **"Peace, peace, to those far and near, "says the Lord. "And I will heal them."** In Colossians 3:15 God says **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called. And be thankful.**

In Philippians 4:7 the Lord says: **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

One other scripture on Gods peace can be found in John 14:27 when the Lord says: **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

Well to my brothers and sisters in the Lord, I don't want to overwhelm you with to many things regarding this destructive sin so I will leave you in prayer.

Heavenly Father of all creation, my prayer at this time is for Your peace to touch the hearts and souls of all your people. Lord, where there is hatred, let there be love, and where there is trouble, let there be peace!! I ask this in Jesus nameAmen.

JULY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

The Light of Life By Billy Graham

1Peter 1:21 NIV Your faith and hope are in God.

We get so used to this world that we loose sight of the next. We get so used to the darkness and the chaos of this world's suffering and violence that we lose sight of the brightness of Him who alone could say, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:6)

He alone is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He alone is the hope for the hopeless, the Savior of the lost, the Guide of the wandering. He alone is "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word"

Today world leaders struggle with almost insurmountable problems—and they always will. But in the midst of this world's persistent darkness, never lose sight of Jesus. He alone is the hope of the world—and He is your hopes as well. Amen.

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SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE LOST SOULS

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Also special prayers at this time, for all the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, and all the lost souls wherever.

A special prayer for the Lord's guidance for all the leaders of this country and the leaders of this world, that they may all live in God's peace.

A special prayer for all the terrorist of the world, that they may begin to learn about the Lord's love for one another. I asked these special prayers in Jesus name. Amen.

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Well in closing I would just like to say one more thing, thank You Jesus, for another opportunity to share your words of wisdom with Your people. May you continue to bless and inspire this ministry with Your presence. May we all grow in Your light. May we always give You daily thanks and praise for all your love, grace, and mercy You have for all Your people. I ask all this in Christ Jesus. Amen.

