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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Isa. 42:8 “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield My glory to another or My praise to idols.” & Ex. 34:14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Today we hear a direct statement and command from the LORD. The statement captures the emphatic declaration about Who the LORD is and about His name. A few days ago we looked at the way that He feels about the misuse of His name and the commandment about using His name in vain. Again, we see the passion about the name of the LORD. Because of Who He is, He cannot nor will not yield His glory to anyone or anything; especially to idols or “things” that we allow to take precedence over Him.

Secondly, the LORD Who is El Kanna (the Jealous LORD) commands us to not worship any other god. Anything that takes our time and devotion rather than Him is a “god.” Can anything replace the LORD in our lives? Do we allow things that should not be given credibility to consume our time and energy rather than the One Who is LORD over all? Now understand this about Him: He is not jealous in the sense of mere humans. Our jealousy is based on selfish desires and sinful nature, but the jealousy of God is based on His pure and perfect love for us. He only desires the best for His children, and that is knowing and serving Him. Why wouldn't He want the very best of everything for the ones that He has already proven His love for by His personal sacrifice? He is the only One that is truly worthy of worship. He doesn't want us to waste or devotion on things that cannot possibly help. He is the LORD!

Dear LORD, You are LORD! You deserve every ounce of our worship. Help us to not allow anything else to usurp Your place on the thrones of our hearts. Help us to honor Who You are because of Whose we are. In Jesus Name, Amen.