

Sermon Questions: Big Ten
A Jealous God Who Unfairly Punishes

Exodus 20:1-7

1. Pastor Mark talks about Richard Dawkins, who describes the God of the Old Testament in a very negative and disparaging way. Why do you think some people have a negative view of the God described in the Bible?
2. What comes to your mind when you hear the word “jealous.” Why do you think people like Oprah Winfrey and many others dislike the idea of a “jealous God.”
3. What does Pastor Mark mean when he says that God is not jealous of us, God is jealous for us?
4. Why do you think God cares so passionately about our relationship with Him? Why would God be so protective of His name and reputation?
5. Read Exodus 20:4-6 and Ezekiel 18:20-23. How do you explain the discrepancy between these two passages?
6. Why do you think the ancient Hebrews placed such a high level of importance on the responsibility to raise their children in the faith? How do you think that compares to the average American Christian family today?
7. Nobody is a perfect parent, but in what ways do the negative habits, patterns and attitudes of parents impact and influence children and even grandchildren?
8. What are some of the positive ways your parents impacted you? Can you think of some ways you may have been negatively impacted?
9. What can the Church do to help parents build up the faith of their children and teens?

10. What challenges and pressures do modern day parents and grandparents face as they try to raise up the next generation?