

## Names of God: *El Qanna*

### The Jealous God

- One of the names that is attributed to God in the Bible is Jealous (Ex 34:14)
  - *El Qanna*
- This is normally used in reference to His hatred of idolatry
  - Worshipping something other than Him (Ex 20:4-6; Deu 4:23-24; Josh 24:19; 1 Kgs 12:22)
- But often, His jealousy is mentioned in reference to His deep love for His people (Zech. 8:2)

### Divine Jealousy vs. Human Jealousy

- We are often told that jealousy is bad
  - And when it is misdirected, it can be
  - Envy & jealousy are not the same thing
- Human jealousy is *often* rooted in our insecurity and mistrust
  - Though, there are appropriate times for human jealousy, such as marital faithfulness
- Faithfulness is at the root of jealousy
  - When faithfulness is broken, jealousy *may* be an appropriate response
  - But this should never lead to ungodly behavior (Eph 4:26-27)
- Divine jealousy occurs when we are unfaithful to God
  - When we give our attention and devotion to something other than God
- And yet, God is always faithful to us (2 Tim 2:13; Jer 3:12)

### Hosea, An Example of *El Qanna*

- Hosea was a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel
- He was commanded by the Lord to marry an unfaithful woman named Gomer as an example to Israel (Hos 1:2)
- They had had three children, all of which were to act as signs to the people of their unfaithfulness to God (Hos 1:3-2:13), and then she left him to act as a prostitute
  - But God's plan was to restore (Hos 2:14-20)
- When Gomer is unfaithful to Hosea, God tells him to pursue her and even pay to get her back (Hos 3:1-2)
- That is what God does for His people:
  - He pursues us
  - He redeems us

### Our Groom

- Throughout Scripture, one of the images that of our relationship with God is as husband & wife (Isa 62:5; Rev 19:7; 21:9)
- Paul even tells us that human marriage is to be a model of our divine relationship with God (Eph 5:31-32)

### So What?

- In Christ, we are His and He is ours
  - And He is jealous for us!

- Are we faithful to Him?
  - He is always faithful to us
- He is *El Qanna*

**Mediation Verse:** *Exodus 34:14*