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JEHOVAH'S UNIQUENESS
PART 2

Hello again my brothers and sisters. Welcome back to the COGPOD. This is brother Ed, your host. In part one of this podcast entitled: Jehovah's uniqueness, we covered five essential points regarding Jehovah's uniqueness. 1] According to the Holy Scriptures, Jehovah is the only one that never had a beginning and will never have an end. 2] According to the Holy Scriptures, Jehovah is the creator of all that exists. 3] According to the Holy Scriptures, Jehovah alone is designated the Most High. 4] According to the Holy Scriptures, nowhere in the scriptures is Jehovah ever spoken of as having a father, mother, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles or cousins, only children. 5] According to the Holy Scriptures, Jehovah prays to no one, is subject to no one, is sent by no one, and is God alone.

And now, In this section of the podcast we will scripturally focus on 1] why Jehovah is termed jealous, 2] we'll scripturally focus on Jehovah's unlimited knowledge, wisdom, and power, 3] We'll scripturally focus on His unique position as being the Hearer of prayer, 4] We'll scripturally focus on His right to set the standard for justice, and 5] We'll scripturally focus on why He alone determines what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is bad. Let's get started. First off: Why is Jehovah termed jealous?

1] HE IS REFERRED TO AS BEING JEALOUS BECAUSE ALL PRAISE, HONOR AND GLORY RIGHTLY BELONG TO HIM

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To understand why the bible describes Jehovah as jealous, you have to understand the difference between jealousy and envy. Jealousy involves a measure of resentment, sometimes to the point of hostility and even anger because someone else is getting or seems to be getting something that rightly belongs to you. For example: Your mate seems to be romantically interested in someone other than you. Seems to just fawn all over them when they are in their company. Your mate, is overly complimentary of someone else's appearance, dress and intellect, totally neglecting those aspects in you, though you are superior in those regards. Uhhh Mmmm. There have been many arguments on the way home when that has occurred. Envy, on the other hand, is when someone desires something that doesn't belong to them and rightly belongs to someone else. Desiring someone else's wife, desiring someone else's husband, desiring someone else's home, desiring someone else's car, desiring someone else's money etc. Satan was envious of Jehovah, because everything, everything as creator of all that exists, rightly belongs to Him. Satan's desire for something that clearly did not belong to him drove him into sin. Wrong desires are always the precursors of sin as Deut 5:21 very plainly states; **21** "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." [NIV] Did you see what it is that easily leads to sin? In one word, covetousness. Covetousness is one of the foundation cornerstones of sin. You must not covet, is the tenth

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commandment. From covetousness springs envy. Envy is different from jealousy. Jealousy raises its head when someone else gets credit for something that you did, is praised for an accomplishment of yours, is praised exceedingly for something that *you know you did*, and *they know you did*. When *they* take credit for something that *they know* they had nothing to do with, how *should* that make you feel? It *should* provoke you to jealousy. It *should* provoke your ire. To illustrate, we're going to put in a parent child setting.

How would you feel if your child, as an adult, praised the house you provided for them, praised the nutritious food and drink you provided for them, praised the education you provided for them, praised the neighbors and neighborhood in which they were raised that *you provided* for them; as the primary source of their success and joy, never even mentioning your name, and all the sacrifices you made to provide all those things? Wouldn't that sting? Wouldn't that hurt? Now let's see if you can relate to Jehovah's feelings found at Deut 8:11-20; **11**"Beware lest you forget Yahweh your God by not keeping His commandments and His judgments and His statutes which I am commanding you today; **12**lest you eat and are satisfied and build good houses and live *in them*, **13**and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, **14**and your heart becomes lifted up and you forget Yahweh your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **15**He led you through the great and fearsome wilderness, *with its* fiery serpents and scorpions and

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thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. **16**In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end, **17**lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand made me this wealth.' **18**But you shall remember Yahweh your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. **19**Now it will be, if you ever forget Yahweh your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. **20**Like the nations that Yahweh makes to perish before you, so you shall perish, because you would not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God. [LSB] Can you as a parent understand why you too, like Jehovah, would want your children to appreciate and be grateful for all you *have* done and *still* do for them? If your children gave someone else praise and credit, elevating them over you, when you KNOW, when you KNOW, you were the principal and loving source of their joy and success. You did everything you did for them purely out of a love so deep it defies description. Wouldn't you be hurt and angry? Deeply hurt first, then angry as....whew!!! Hurt generated anger, is something that Jehovah has had much, much more of than anyone else in the universe. Hence, at Ex 20:5 He says; **5**You shall not bow to them and you shall not serve them because I AM LORD JEHOVAH your God, a jealous God; he pays the love debts of fathers for the children unto three and unto four

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generations for those hating me; [HPBT] At Ex 34:14 He doubles down; **14**for thou shalt worship no other god: for Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God[ASV] He triples down at Deut 4:24 saying; **24**For Jehovah thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.[ASV] quadruples down at Deut 5:9; **9**thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I, Jehovah, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me[ASV] And quintuples down at Deut 6:15; **15**for Jehovah thy God in the midst of thee is a jealous God; lest the anger of Jehovah thy God be kindled against thee, and he destroy thee from off the face of the earth.[ASV] And rightly so. Note the reaction of heavenly beings who were here before the physical universe came into existence, [which some estimate to be 4 to 20 billion years ago] at Job 38:4-7 Where Jehovah questions Job and asks; **4**"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. **5**Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? **6**On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— **7**while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? [NIV] From among the morning stars and angels, they make this statement found at Isa 6:1-3; **1**In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. **2**Above him stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. **3**And one cried unto another, and said, Holy,

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holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. It is as Jas 1:17 brings to our attention; **17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

[NIV] Inasmuch as Jehovah is the giver of every good and perfect gift that all creation has to offer, He rightly deserves our unending thanks and praise. Therefore, when anyone or anything receives the praise, honor and thanks that rightly belongs to Him, His jealousy is understandable and justified. Wouldn't you agree?

This brings us to our second point: Jehovah is unique, because of His unlimited capacity in knowledge, wisdom, and power.

When it comes to knowledge, wisdom and power, Jehovah is incomparable as Rom 11:33-36 points out; **33** Oh, how inexhaustible are God's resources and God's wisdom and God's knowledge! How impossible it is to search into His decrees or trace His footsteps! **34** "Who has ever known the mind of the Lord, [Jehovah] or shared His counsels?" **35** "Who has first given God anything, so as to receive payment in return?" **36** For the universe owes its origin to Him, was created by Him, and has its aim and purpose in Him. To Him be the glory throughout the Ages! Amen. [WEY] Let's look at Job 5:9; **9** who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number [ESV] Consider Job 11:7,8; **7** "Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? **8** It is higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know? [ESV] Now Ps 36:6; **6** And your righteousness is like

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the mountains, Oh God, and your judgments like the great abyss! You save the children of man and beast, LORD JEHOVAH! [HPBT] Next Ps 92:5; **5**How great are thy works, O Jehovah! Thy thoughts are very deep. [ASV] Notice Ps 139:6; **6**This extraordinary knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it. [HPBT] And finally Isa 40:26,28; **26**Look up and see: who created these? He brings out the starry host by number; He calls all of them by name. Because of His great power and strength, not one of them is missing.[HCBT] and vs 28 **28**Do you not know? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never grows faint or weary; there is no limit to His understanding.[HCBT] On a clear night, look at the starry heavens. Jehovah calls each star by a designated name. I googled 'how many stars are in the average galaxy, and instead, it gave me an estimate of the number of stars in the known universe. The number was 200 billion trillion; and He knows each by name. Oh, not to mention planets, moons, asteroids and comets. Oh, not to mention the names of the unnumbered angels He has created. Oh, not to mention the names of the billions of humans that have lived on earth. Oh, not to mention the number of hairs on each one's head according to Jesus. Oh, not to mention the very thoughts of all intelligent creation. Where did the energy that produced all those stars and *all* physical matter come from? How can you measure the intellect of the one who created and sustains all these things? Every living thing in the universe, from angels to amoebas to atomic

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elements, was designed and engineered at Jehovah's direction. Please take a moment to absorb that. Everything that now exists was, if you will, was once on a drawing board, then moved into production, each, quoting the Genesis account, 'according to its kind'. The depth of what it takes to achieve such an accomplishment is unfathomable. The scope of Jehovah's knowledge, wisdom, and power, are truly indescribably immeasurable and unsearchable. As Jesus stated, there is no one like our incomparable God, Jehovah.

Now on to our third point. The Bible identifies Jehovah as being THE UNIQUE HEARER OF PRAYER

Jehovah has not assigned the hearing of all prayers to anyone other than Himself. Our prayers are our personal lines of communication with our father, the Most High. He has the capacity to hear and understand, according to our individual circumstances, who we are, and what we need while trapped in Satan's world. Just as parents know the voices of their *individual* children, Jehovah hears our *individual* voices when we communicate with Him. How precious that is. Jesus is able to act in Jehovah's behalf regarding our prayers, because Jehovah has given him all authority in heaven and earth. This is reminiscent of the relationship of Joseph to Pharoah at Gen 41:40 where it reads; **40**You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours." [NLT] Joseph was the mediator between Pharoah and all the people of the earth who came to Egypt for life sustaining foodstuffs. Likewise 1Tim 2:5

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states; 5For there is [only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus[AMP] Jehovah answers our prayers through Jesus. That is why all requests to Jehovah from His children are requested in the name of Jesus. This is made plain at John 16:23 which says; 23In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. Truly, truly, I tell you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. [BSB]

Right now, though, I'd like to focus on Jehovah's accessibility to his Children. Let's look at Deut 4:7; 7For what great nation is there, that hath a god so nigh unto them, as Jehovah our God is whensoever we call upon him? [ASV] The earnest request found at Ps 5:2,3; 1Give ear to my words, O Jehovah, Consider my meditation. 2Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God; For unto thee do I pray. 3 O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice; In the morning will I order my prayer unto thee, and will keep watch.[ASV] The honest request of Ps 17:1; 1Hear, LORD JEHOVAH, Holy One, and look at my request and give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips. [HPBT] The recognition of personal accountability Ps 65:2; 2 O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. [ESV] The entreating cry of 88:1,2 1 LORD JEHOVAH, God of my salvation, in the daytime I have cried and before you in the nighttime. 2 My prayer will enter before you and bend your ear to my prayer! [HPST] The poor and lowly persons having equal access to our great God and Father of all at Ps 102:17,18; 17And he turns to the prayer of the poor and does not despise their prayer. 18This will be

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written for the following generation; the people to be created will glorify LORD JEHOVAH [HPST] His heartfelt response to our requests at Ps145:18,19; **18** LORD JEHOVAH is near to those who call to him in truth. **19** And he performs the desire of his worshipers; he hears their prayer and saves them. [HPBT] And after hearing our prayers, notice how Ps 32:8 highlights an individual response on Jehovah's part; **8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you [who are willing to learn] with My eye upon you. [AMP] Jehovah gives individual instruction to those who are willing to listen and learn. Isa 54:13 says; **13** All your sons will be taught of Yahweh; And the peace of your sons will be great. [LSB] Jehovah may not always give us what we want in the moment, but he always gives us what we need to sustain us with eternity in view. Rightful praise goes to hearer of our prayers Jehovah.

4] JEHOVAH ALONE SETS THE STANDARD OF JUSTICE; HE ALONE DETERMINES WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG; HE ALONE DETERMINES WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS BAD, AND RIGHTLY SO.

What gives Jehovah the exclusive right to make those determinations? Ex 19:5 tells us. It says; **5** Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine. [BSB] So the reason is very simple, EVERYTHING IS HIS. As he says, It's MINE. Everything belongs to me. It is MY property. And as stated at Mt. 20:15; **15** Or is it not lawful for me to do what I will with that which is mine? Or is your eye envious

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because I am generous?[BLB] Deut 10:14 goes on to say; **14** Behold, to Yahweh your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.[LSV] In a reply to Job at Job 41:11 the Almighty asks; **11** Who has given to Me that I should repay *him*? *Whatever* is under the whole heaven is Mine. [LSB] In wonder, the Psalmist at Ps 8:3,4 states in amazement; **3** When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, **4** what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? [CSB] At Ps 24:1,2 King David acknowledges the foundation of Jehovah's sovereignty when he says; **1** The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein. **2** For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods. [ASV] Ps 89:11 echoes; **11** The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours—you created it all. [NLT] The Christian scriptures say Amen to that at 1Cor 10:26; **26** For The Earth is THE LORD JEHOVAH's with its fullness. [HPBT] And Rev 4:11 powerfully anchors the basis for Jehovah's right to set the standards for good and bad and right and wrong when faithful spirit beings shout in unison; **11** "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." [NIV] Because Jehovah made everything, He owns everything. Can He not do what He wants with His own things? Would you allow a guest to come into your home that you own and everything in it, and allow them to rearrange your furnishings, ignore your house

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rules, or discard and throw away the items they don't like; and then allow them to remain in your home? Hardly!!! Huh! Absolutely not!!!

Our God Jehovah, whether a person acknowledges Him or not, is the ultimate in uniqueness. He created all things, beginning with His only begotten Son Jesus. Col 1:15,16 says; **15**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16**For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. He is the epitome of love as we are reminded at 1 Jo 4:8 which states; Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. He is supremely just as pointed out at Deut 32:4; He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is! [NLT] He is unmatched in wisdom as brought to our attention at Rom 11:33 which says; Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! [NIV] He is unlimited in power according to Isa 40:26; ... Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. [BSB] There is NO ONE like our truly unique God Jehovah. NO ONE!!!!

In our next podcast, we will go into the uniqueness of Jehovah's firstborn son, Jesus. The trip we're gonna to take through the Word of God is gonna be soooo good!!!!!!! So, until then my

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brothers and sisters I hope to see you in podcast # 4 entitled the 'UNIQUENESS OF JESUS.'