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What is the meaning of that expression in the Canticles, “Jealousy is cruel as the grave"? I will tell you how it presents itself to me. When a body is committed to the ground the grave closes in over it and shuts out every other object—it possesses that body absolutely. Well, the Lord's jealousy is like that. Do you suppose the Lord could contemplate with indifference our hearts going after this thing and that thing and the other thing which are contrary to Himself? No. If He loves us—and He does love us—He wants our whole hearts. Nothing less than our whole hearts will ever satisfy Him.