

Redeem Your Anger – Part 6 – Good and Angry

Introduction:

Eph 4.26–27 **Be angry and do not sin**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

- Good _____ to become good and angry.
- The _____ shows us how good and justified anger works.

Mark 10.18b No one is good except God alone.

1. The _____ God gets mad.

A. God is slow to _____ and quick to show _____.

Psa 145.8–9 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psa 145.20b ...but all the wicked he will destroy.

- God's anger arises slowly, and when it arises it is actually an aspect of his _____ goodness.
- God does get angry but it's the opposite of being _____ angered or irritated.

Jonah 4.1–4 But it **displeased Jonah exceedingly**, and **he was angry**. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a **gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster**. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "**Do you do well to be angry?**"

Jonah 4.10–11 And the Lord said, “**You pity the plant**, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, **which came into being in a night and perished in a night**. 11 And **should not I pity** Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

Luke 6.35–36 But love your enemies...and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

- To become slow to anger is to become like _____.

B. God _____ wrongs and _____ injustice.

- God is slow to anger, patient, and generous but God also _____ get angry.
- The words “wrath” and “fury” don’t describe God as having an irritable mood or a throwing a momentary tantrum, they express God’s whole-hearted _____ to destroy things He finds utterly offensive to His moral law.
- God is angry at those who victimize and oppress others, and He _____ for the weak and powerless.

Psa 10.14 But you do see, **for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands;**
to you **the helpless** commits himself;
you have been the helper of the fatherless.

2. The _____ God gets mad

Deut 29.27–28 Therefore the **anger** of the Lord was **kindled** against this land, bringing upon it all the **curse**s written in this book, 28 and the Lord uprooted them from their land in **anger** and **fury** and **great wrath**, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.’

A. Whenever God gets angry, it’s always for a _____ reason.

Deut 29.24 all the nations will say, ‘Why has the Lord done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?’

Deut 29.25–26 Then people will say, ***‘It is because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, 26 and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them.***

B. God’s reasons for getting angry help us understand how _____ anger goes bad and they point the direction for how to express anger that’s good.

• **Things that make God angry:**

- **Betrayal and treason**
- **Lies, gross misrepresentation of another, character defamation.**
- **Hypocrisy**
- **Laziness, workaholism, or a harsh taskmaster**
- **Stubbornness, rebellion, and back talk**
- **Murder and physical abuse**
- **Sexual betrayal or abuse**
- **Cheating and stealing**
- **Slander and gossip**
- **Entitlement and greed**

• **These things that provoke God’s anger are called the _____.**

3. Our anger is _____ when our anger is like God’s anger.

A. The reason wrong angers you is because _____.

B. God’s anger isn’t unpredictable and mean-spirited; God’s anger comes from _____.

- **God’s anger is the product of love that’s been _____ (when He’s being done wrong).**
- **God’s anger is the product of compassion for the victims of _____ (when others are being done wrong).**

Matt 22.36–40 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

- Righteous anger is the outcome of _____.

C. Made in God’s image, we ought to get angry at _____.

D. God’s desire is that we would love well by only ever using anger _____, particularly by showing kindness to people who are willing to deal with what’s wrong.

4. God’s anger is _____ us.

- _____ He loves, He’s angry at anything that harms those He loves.

A. In His love, God’s anger _____ on Jesus, not on us.

B. In His love, God’s anger _____ the power of sin.

C. In His love, God’s anger will _____ us from the pain of other people’s sins.

D. In His love, God’s anger _____ us from ourselves by warning us not to return to sin.

Heb 12.5–6 “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reprov’d by him.
6 For the Lord disciplines **the one he loves,**
and chastises **every son whom he receives.**”

Heb 12.10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us **for our good,** that we may share his holiness.

Conclusion:

- **God's wrath is our _____.**
- **The Gospel shows us that love _____ anger.**
- **Mercy's displeasure in God is unimaginably _____.**