

THE ANGER OF GOD

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For we are consumed by thy anger and by thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our days as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? Psalm 90: 7-11.

Moses knew it as God led His children through the wilderness. Often the people of God would disobey God and even laugh at Him. Moses saw the earth open and swallow thousands. He saw fire fall from heaven and destroy 250 Levites. After crossing the sea he saw Pharaoh's great army drown and suffer destruction as the anger of God roared in the sea upon them. In the last phrase in the text above he struggles under the reality having seen so much of God's anger upon man. **Moses Saw God's Anger:** God's divine displeasure against sin nearly overwhelmed him. He decided no one could measure the power of the anger of God. **Sodom and Gomorrah Felt God's Anger:** These cities in past Bible history were the headquarters of homosexuality. When the angels came to warn Lot of God's judgment the homosexual crowd tried to break in to abuse them. God delivered Lot and his family outside of the city and destroyed every inhabitant within. He poured fire and brimstone down upon them and His anger destroyed them all. Today a wave of such perversion is infecting our country, and we better cry out against it. We Christians are being called homophobes and legislation is being prepared to stop preachers from warning of same sex marriage and all the perverted

desires of mankind. Much of the Bible pictures God's judgment on all those who pervert sex and clamor to live in such lust. History books cry "Remember the Alamo" but immoral sinners need to remember Sodom and Gomorra. God is angered with sinners acceptance of sin and rejection of God's righteousness. **Ananias and Sapphira Felt God's Anger.** They stole and lied to cover it up and God destroyed them because of their bold transgressions. They learned too late, one cannot sin and avoid the judgment of God. Beware the next time dishonesty and greed seeks to capture you. Remember, "*The wages of sin is death*" Rom. 6:23. Bible examples over and over cry out, "*Be sure your sin will find you out*" Numbers 32; 23. We cannot sin and avoid the anger of God. He has great patience but still sin causes God's great anger against it. Through the journey of the people Moses led, again and again they felt the anger of God. **Korah Felt God's Anger.** When he and his followers resisted God, the ground opened and swallowed he and followers into Hell. Later fire from heaven consumed 250 Levites in moments, who sinned against God. **David Felt the Anger of God.** He was a man after God's own heart, but sinful actions brought the anger of God upon him. He committed murder and tried to cover it. His lust for Bathsheba led to heartbreaking exposure and the death of his son. He bewailed the death of his son, lived through his son killing another son and taking over the kingdom. He brought much grief and the anger of God upon himself. **Noah's Neighbors Learned The Anger Of God.** For decades he warned them of their sin and they ridiculed his preaching. They laughed at his ark building labors, and continued in their sin. Imagine them screaming and pounding on the sides of the ark as the waters arose. The results of sin always engulf the sinner as a flood. Ask Pharaoh's army who were drowned, or the Egyptians who suffered the anger of God until

the children of God were allowed to go. They held their first born in their arms and cried out under the anger of God. In every book of the Bible you can read of the anger of God. **Souls In Hell Know the Anger Of God.** They suffer eternally under the anger of God. *"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God"* Psalms 9:17. There is a literal Hell, filled with fire and brimstone; a bottomless pit of darkness, where lost souls cry and gnash their teeth in pain. They are suffering now and forever under the anger of God, because of the curse of sin. In life, God extended His loving arms, but in death, they know only the anger of God. The story is told of one man who hearing of the wrath of God left the meeting angry and saying, "How can God judge me." Outside the church he shook his fist at God, picked up a stick and shouted, "If you're such a big God why don't you just kill me?" There was a little black widow spider on the stick, and it crawled up his arm and bit him, and he died. The book of **Revelation Pictures God's Anger.** Chapter after chapter pictures God's wrath in detail; how He will come down and purge the world of sin once and for all. Whole nations will face His wrath and be destroyed and cast into hell. After that all sinners will be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, where God's anger will hold them in everlasting torment. Remember *"Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"* Rev. 20:15. I hope as you read this you know *"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"* Rom. 10:13. Saved from the wrath of God and the penalty of your sins. Your eternal destiny depends on your acceptance of Christ as your Saviour. Remember again, *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life"* Rom. 6:23. If you have not trusted Christ then do it today while His love beckons. If you reject him you will sooner or later experience the anger of God. Certainly we all tremble at what is going

on in our nation. We totter on the brink of financial disaster, because of the greed and lies of those in government. When our leaders cast their vote for homosexuality, when they vote for pornography and continue abortion our nation will soon know the anger of God. When our educators teach evolution, provide flawed sex education and hand out condoms God's anger will build against us. When our television and music glorifies what God forbids He will not stand idly by. Today, our world thumbs their nose at the virgin birth of Christ and ridicules the inspiration of the Bible. They take pen knives and cut out parts of the Bible they do not like. They raise their families without faith in God, as they drunkenly stagger in sin. How terrible their fate will be as one day **All Sinners Will Face The Anger Of God.** Finally, **No Believer Should Belittle The Anger Of God.** We are constantly under the gaze of our Redeemer and Judge, Jesus Christ. It is only by His love and mercy that He has not destroyed the world already. God is good, but He is not fooled with the failure of our lives to please Him. No one ever gets away with sin, when you are a professing child of God. Let me ask has God been dealing with you? His hand of correction will hurt and careless living will be judged. Has God been dealing with you kids about your attitude toward your parents? Has God been dealing with you husbands for family failure in leadership and love toward your wife? Have you wives been dragging your feet and failing in the duties given of God to mother your family? Are we older folks standing true in uncompromising leadership in the final days, still taking a firm and loving stand for the right? The best way to deal with any sin in our lives is to fully confess it and forsake it. The choice is ours. We can walk in the sunlight of obedience to Him or experience His Anger. God help us to choose wisely.