

## **GOD SHOWS HIS ANGER AT TIMES**

**Romans 1:18-23**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**Introduction:** If God is a God of love and He loves every human being, why then does God get angry and bring chaotic happenings to people such as the flood and allows His people to be taken captive for years? What sets God's anger off? What do people do or not do that brings out God's anger?

### **I. JUST WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE BRING OUT GOD'S ANGER (WRATH)?**

1. God shows His anger and wrath with two classes of people:
  - The ungodly and unrighteous.
    - Those who fail to love and obey God, who do not honor God in any way nor worship Him and obey Him as the only living and true God.
    - These people do what they want, when they want, maybe giving lip service to God, but ignore Him in their day to day lives.
    - These people do not love others but cheat, steal, lie, abuse, enslave, destroy and take advantage of others.
  - Those who hold down, suppress, repress, stifle, hinder God's truth from being known.
    - They have God's truth but ignore, neglect and push it aside, doing all they can to avoid and get rid of it.
    - They want to live as they want and not as God says.
2. God is angry with those:
  - who are ungodly, who do not love and obey Him.
  - who are unrighteous and do not love and treat others as they should.
  - who know God's truth yet live ungodly and unrighteous lives.
    - 2 Thessalonians 2:10; Titus 2:11-14

### **II. GOD'S ANGER COMES OUT BECAUSE PEOPLE REJECT THAT WHICH IS WITHIN THEM**

1. God can be known and people know about God for their hearts, minds and consciences are aware of God.
  - There is much about God that people cannot ever know, but there is much about God that people can and do know but they suppress it and try to hide it.
2. There is within people an inner sense, an awareness, an instinctive knowledge of God that is strong.
  - People can reason things out and know that God is and are therefore without "excuse."
  - Sadly, people choose not to know God, suppressing and rejecting the knowledge of God that is within them.

### **III. THE WHOLE UNIVERSE REVEALS GOD AND GOD GETS ANGRY WHEN PEOPLE DON'T SEE IT**

1. People can look at nature and see God as the great Creator and they can see the "invisible things" of God.
  - People can see the supreme intelligence and power of God by just looking around.
    - the earth, the heavens, plants, animals, other people
      - their bodies and structure
      - variety and beauty
      - arrangement and order
      - purpose and laws.
  - Any time a person looks at the world and the heavens he/she sees very clearly that all was made by a Creator and that the Creator is God.

2. People can see the deity of God when looking at the earth and the heavens for they can see clearly that God
  - cares and provides for what He has created.
  - gives life and has interest in all life.
  - regenerates, replenishes and carries things on which He has created.
  - deserves worship and obedience.
  - Acts 14:17; Romans 1:20

#### **IV. GOD'S WRATH IS SHOWN WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HONOR OR THANK HIM FOR CREATION**

1. People can clearly know God by what is within them (thoughts, reasonings, consciences) and by looking around at creation, nature, the earth and the heavens.
2. People can know that it is God who gives them life, cares and provides for them and that God runs everything orderly, lawfully, giving purpose and meaning to their lives.
  - Sadly, knowing all these things, people do not glorify God, nor worship, obey or serve Him.
  - They do not give thanks to Him nor praise, magnify or appreciate Him.
  - When people push God out of their minds, their minds are void and empty of God, He is not in their thoughts and their minds are filled with some other kind of god or supremacy.
  - Genesis 6:5; Psalm 10:4; Proverbs 6:16-19; 15:26
3. People have empty thoughts about God and dark hearts because they do not glorify God nor offer thanks to God.
  - Matthew 7:26-27; James 4:17

#### **V. GOD SHOWS HIS WRATH BECAUSE PEOPLE BECOME PRIDEFUL AND TURN AWAY FROM HIM**

1. People reject God because they think that they are:
  - wise to believe in God.
  - too smart to depend upon the "fables" of the Bible.
  - too capable to not be able to take care of themselves.
  - too resourceful to not be able to create their own world and future.
  - too capable to not be able to trust in their own ideas.
  - too reasonable and rational to not be able to create their own standards and laws.
2. People who reject God are fools because:
  - God does exist and has clearly revealed Himself within each person and by the creation of all things.
  - Whenever a person's mind and heart is empty of God, it is filled with something else and Satan is a master at giving people other things to think about other than God.
  - People replace God with something else, some standard, some law, some person, some man made god.
  - When people erase God from their lives, they create their own god within their own minds.
  - Isaiah 29:14; Jeremiah 4:22; Romans 1:22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-19; 2:6-7; 3:19-20; Colossians 2:8, 23
3. People exchange almighty, incorruptible God for some corruptible idol.
  - God is incorruptible - imperishable, unchanging, unaging, eternal and always will be.
  - People swap and exchange God for corruptible things, an image, an idea and they make themselves:
    - the god of their lives.
    - the masters of the world.
    - the law-givers of their own laws.
    - the standard by which their lives are to be governed.
  - People swap God for corruptible creatures - images of people, animals made of wood, stone, metal.
  - People turn from God and make their own gods.

- Acts 17:29; 1 John 5:21; Isaiah 42:8; Deuteronomy 11:26-28

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Whenever God shows His anger/wrath, nobody should be surprised for God is patient but does seem to have a point where enough is enough and His anger comes out.
2. God displays His anger/wrath at people because people don't recognize Him even though there is within each person an innate, permanent awareness of Him.
3. God's anger comes out whenever people substitute their own ideas of what a god should be like and make their own gods and set apart some animal, bird or reptile as a god.
4. There is no reason why every human being does not recognize almighty God and give to Him the recognition and honor due Him.
5. What is YOUR attitude toward God? Do YOU give Him the proper respect, recognition and honor He deserves?