

THE ANGER SIDE OF GOD

John 3:36 Genesis 18, 19

Introduction: There is no doubt that our God is a loving God. Just about every Sunday there are sermons preached about how God loves us. This is good for the love of God should be preached at every opportunity. When we think of God, we automatically think of someone who loves people so much that He gave His only son to die for all mankind. But, there is another side of God and that is the side of Anger. If God loves righteousness so much, then there must be feelings about unrighteousness and that is the side of Anger. God hates unrighteousness. Perhaps we tend to forget that someday, God will show His anger side.

I. GOD SHOWED HIS ANGER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. **Genesis 18 and 19** speak of the event at Sodom and Gomorrah. There Abraham pleaded with God to spare the cities if there were 50 righteous people, then 45, then 40 and then 30 and then 20 and then down to 10. Sadly there were not even 10 righteous people in the cities.
 - God destroyed the cities with fire and brimstone out of heaven. God showed His anger to sinful people.
 - As normal for scientists who are always seeking to disprove the things of the Bible have determined that a tremendous lightning storm ignited the flammable ground around the buildings and the buildings built out of the flammable ground burned up along with the ground around the cities.
2. In **Psalm 78:41-53** God showed His ability to become angry to the Egyptians. God sent all sorts of plagues upon the sinful Egyptians.
3. In **Numbers 21:4-6** God showed His anger against His own people, Israel by sending thousands of serpents upon them.
 - As they were journeying, they became discouraged, started griping and complaining, so God sent firey serpents among them and the bite of the serpent was very painful and many died from the bites.
4. Again God showed His anger against the Israelites by causing them to wander for 40 years in the wilderness.
 - God had grown tired of hearing them gripe therefore God determined that all the complaining adults would be dead by the time they got to the promised land and God took 40 years to accomplish this.
5. There are countless more times in the Bible where we can see the anger of God in action. If God punished His own people, He will certainly punish those who are not His own. God is no respecter of persons.

II. MORE OF GOD'S ANGER WILL BE SEEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE

1. Who will feel God's coming anger?
 - **John 3:36** says it will be those not believing on Jesus Christ.
 - **Mark 16:16** indicates it will be any person not believing in Jesus Christ.
 - **Luke 6:25** says that it will be upon those who are laughing and mocking Jesus now.
 - **Acts 3:23** reveals that it will be upon those who are ignoring the Gospel now.
 - **Romans 1:18-20** says that it will be upon the ungodly and unrighteous.
 - **Romans 1:32** reveals that those who enjoy sin, even though they know judgment is coming will feel God's anger.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:10** states that All must appear before God and receive judgment according to the things one has said and done.
2. What will God's anger be like?
 - **Isaiah 34:8-10** speaks of burning pitch and eternal smoke and neither shall be quenched.
 - **Matthew 13:40-42; 49-50** speaks of a furnace of fire and the wailing and gnashing of teeth.
 - **Matthew 25:41, 46** speaks of everlasting fire with Satan and everlasting punishment.
 - **Mark 9:43** says that the fire shall never be quenched.
 - **2 Peter 2:4** speaks of darkness.
 - **Revelation 14:10, 11** says there will be smoke, no rest day or night and torment with fire and brimstone.
 - **Revelation 20:10, 15** indicates that there is a lake of fire and brimstone and torment day and night forever.
 - **Revelation 6:15-17** says that the men of the world will cry out for the mountains to fall on them as they try to hide from God.
 - **Luke 16:23-28** reveals that a rich man without God died and was in great torment.

III. HOW CAN ONE BE SAVED FROM GOD'S COMING ANGER?

1. There are certain conditions which must be met before a person can be saved from God's coming anger.
 - **Matthew 18:3** reveals that a person must be converted.
 - **John 3:3** states that a person must be born again.
 - **John 3:16-18** shows that a person must believe on the Son of God.
 - **John 5:24** says a person must hear the Gospel and believe in God and in Jesus Christ.
 - **John 6:47** reveals that a person must believe on Jesus Christ.
 - **Acts 2:38** says that a person must repent.
 - **Acts 3:19** reveals that a person must repent and be converted.

CONCLUSION:

1. Considering God's Word, it is concluded that if a person repents of his/her sins, believes on Jesus Christ, then he/she is born again and is saved from God's coming anger.
2. There is but one way to avoid God's coming anger and destruction - do things God's way.