

GOD'S ANGER

TEXT: *Psalms 7:11: God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.*

Our sacred fires of holiness do not burn every day. They burn only intermittently as occasional flares. When they leap up with fierce intensity, then we cry out against sin, but they soon die down and we allow certain wrongs to become familiar; and the more familiar, the lesser these wrongs appear. They become breeding beds of more drastic sins. But how different with God who has continual hatred against all evils. He is a consuming fire. He will not parlay with sin, but will burn its subjects with unquenchable fire.

If we would share His holy fire, we must share in His Holiness. If we become partakers of the Divine Nature, we do become partakers of His holiness.

Hebrews 12:10: For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness.

To be greatly angry, we must have the nature of God at sin.



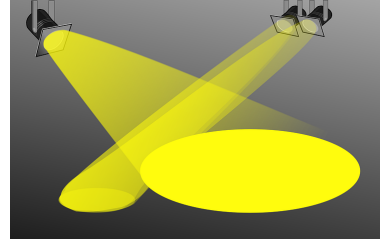
Often our fires smolder and go out like a bonfire out of wood. It has only spasms of fervency, but no steady and continual glow. When the revelation of some unholiness confronts us, we may burn with hot antagonism. But if the sin persists, our healthy indignation begins to subside. The more familiar with an evil we become, the more apt we are to be dampened in our fires. The very evil which kindles our anger soon smothers it by its continuance.

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All of this means that our holiness ceases to be shocked at the presence of the unholy. Our holiness is not healthy enough — and therefore not sensitive enough — to burn brighter. It is not strong enough to maintain its distance. What it first loathed, it now tolerates; and what we tolerate of wrongs, we soon cease to cry out against. We unintentionally consent to

what we should contend with to destroy. Our very presence should have consumed the plague; now, as a broadminded professor, it quickens the deadly plague.

God's Holiness is altogether different. His indignation never burns low or out at the presence of sin or wrong. When iniquity raises its ugly head, His light is always shining to expose and condemn it. Out of the Throne proceeds thundering and lightning. God's Holiness never tolerates sin. His Holiness never becomes lukewarm.



Matthew 5:19: Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is the little foxes that spoil the finest vines.

Song of Solomon 2:15: Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

Sin is not a trifle, because its spirit is outrageously destructive. The burglar can get into the house through a little unfastened window, and smallpox may be spread by a penny as well as a dollar. It is little use working up indignation against mighty epidemics if we are boldly negligent about a single germ. This is our danger as a church today.



Our fires blaze in great crisis, but do not burn against the smaller evils of our day. Our deepest need is to become stirred again in our first love to Christ, and rededicated to seeking for His Holiness manifested in us.

Exodus 4:14: And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

Numbers 11:1: And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and His anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

Numbers 11:10: Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

Numbers 12:9: And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and He departed.

Numbers 22:22: And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

Numbers 25:3-4:

³ And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

⁴ And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.

Numbers 32:10: And the Lord's anger was kindled the same time,

Numbers 32:13: And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the Lord, was consumed.



Numbers 32:21: And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until He hath driven out his enemies from before him,

Deuteronomy 1:37: Also the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

Deuteronomy 4:21: Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance:

Deuteronomy 4:25: When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall

corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke Him to anger:

Deuteronomy 6:15: (For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:4: For they will turn away thy son from following Me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Deuteronomy 9:7-8:

⁷ Remember, and forget not, how thou provoked the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the Lord.

⁸ Also in Horeb ye provoked the Lord to wrath, so that the Lord was angry with you to have destroyed you.

Deuteronomy 9:18-20:

¹⁸ And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.



¹⁹ For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also.

²⁰ And the Lord was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

Deuteronomy 13:17: And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of His anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as He hath sworn unto thy fathers;

Deuteronomy 29:20: The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this Book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under Heaven.

Deuteronomy 29:23-24:

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath:

24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?

Deuteronomy 29:27: And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this Book:

Deuteronomy 29:28: And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 31:17: Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

Deuteronomy 31:29: For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.



Deuteronomy 32:16: They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they Him to anger.

Deuteronomy 32:21: They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Joshua 7:1: But the Children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the

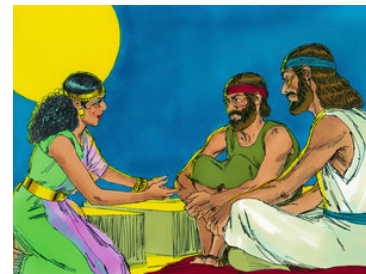


accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the Children of Israel.

Joshua 23:16: When ye have transgressed the Covenant of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves

to them; then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which He hath given unto you.

Joshua 2:12: Now therefore, I [Rahab] pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:



1 Kings 11:9: And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

1 Kings 16:2: Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over My people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins;

1 Kings 16:7: And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the Word of the Lord against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the Lord, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

1. Kings 16:26: For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

2. Chronicles 6:36: If they sin against Thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

Ezra 9:14: Should we again break Thy commandments, and join in

affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst not Thou be angry with us till Thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

Psalms 2:12: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

Psalms 7:11: God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psalms 76:7: Thou, even Thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?

Psalms 79:5: How long, Lord? wilt Thou be angry for ever? shall Thy jealousy burn like fire?

Psalms 80:4: O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?

Psalms 85:5: Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever? wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all generations?

Psalms 106:32: They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:



Ecclesiastes 5:6: Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

Isaiah 12:1: And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.

Ezekiel 16:42: So will I make My fury toward thee to rest, and My jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

Luke 14:21: So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his

servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

Luke 12:47-48:

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Romans 14:10: But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.