

Anger's High Price... God's Incredible Mercy

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- Jacob wants no part of angry character 6
- anger – a lifestyle to be avoided! Prv 22:24-25; 29:22

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- Sons scattered over the land 49:7
- You can't get close to an angry person or you will be hurt
- Ask: Is my anger hurting the closeness of my family?

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- Moses – anger cost him much
- Key: analyze anger quickly - James 1:19; Gen 4:6; Josh 4:4,9
- Why am I angry? Is God sovereign over this situation?

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