

GOD IS ANGRY WITH THE WICKED



Background Reading:

Psalm 9:17; 10:4; 11:4-7;
Proverbs 11:5-11; Isaiah
57:21; Ecclesiastes 8:13

Devotional Reading:

Psalm 10:1-18



Central Verse

“God judgeth the righteous, And God is angry with the wicked every day.”

Psalm 7:11, KJV

“God is a righteous judge, a God who displays His wrath every day.”

Psalm 7:11, NIV

Key Terms

Reproach—an expression of rebuke or disapproval: a cause or occasion of blame, discredit, or disgrace.

Depravity—a corrupt act or practice: the quality or state of being corrupt, evil, or perverted: the quality or state of being.

Criminality—the quality or state of being one who has committed a crime.

Introduction

The word of the Lord tells the believer that God is angry with the wicked every day. We ask the question, why is God angry with the wicked? Let us find out who is wicked. The Collins Dictionary says that wickedness describes something or someone bad or deliberately harmful to people. Wicked is also described as evil, and morally wrong. In the Bible wicked means the state of being wicked; a mental disregard for justice, righteousness, truth, honor, and virtue; evil in thought and life; depravity; sinfulness; and criminality.

God is a loving God, but He does not like the acts nor the deeds of the wicked, so He becomes angry with them. Psalms nine and sixteen say that “The

Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth: The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands."

Discussion

God is angry with the wicked because their wickedness is a sign of deep rebellion against Him and His laws and rules. God gets angry, but He is a just God. God created man in His image and in His likeness. God desired to have a man who would be perfect and sinless, who would live in harmony with Him. He created a man who would be submissive to Him and would give Him pure praise and worship.

When Adam sinned, He disobeyed God's rules and caused mankind to be in rebellion against God. God loved man, but the disobedience of man caused God's anger to be kindled against him. Man's disobedience showed his hatred and disdain for God and His laws.

Psalms number ten talks about the actions of the wicked. David tells how ruthless and unjust they are. He said it seems like they ignore God and get away with it. The wicked cause trouble and grief to those who are weaker than they are. They use profanity, murder innocent people, pounce on the helpless and drag them away in nets. They think that God is not watching them, but the wicked do not seem to realize that God's anger is against them. In chapter eleven, the Lord looks at the righteous and the wicked and He will examine each one of them. When He is ready, He will rain down blazing coals and burning sulfur on the wicked, punishing them with scorching winds.

Isaiah said that the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. For God said that there is no peace for the wicked. The wicked constantly do and say things that bring hurt and harm to others.

The believers must remember that God loves the sinners, but He hates their sins. He allows the wicked to fall by his wickedness. For when the wicked dies, his expectation perishes. He has nothing good to look forward to, for he shall not stand in the judgment. For the wicked works will not stand, for they are deceitful work (from Proverbs 11:18). The wicked know that his works are not right, so his expectation is the wrath of God (Verse 23).

God said that the wicked comes among His people, but they always have negative agendas. They are always seeking ways to harm and hurt others, so God lets the believers know, that He permits the wicked to be wicked, but He does not like it (Jeremiah 5:26). The believers must let their confidence be in God and forget about the people, relationships, the job, the world news, current affairs, injustice, deeds of wickedness and all other things that are out of his control. Let God handle His business. This is still his world, and He knows how to handle the wickedness of this world. The Word reminds the believer that the wicked shall be turned into hell and every nation that forgets God.

Sometimes believers wonder why some nations suffer so much and seemly others prosper. One must consider who is leading the country. Are they doing or permitting wickedness to reign in that country? Are they promoting or endorsing wickedness? Are believers allowed to worship God freely? The believers must remember that God is a God of love, but He is also a God of wrath. He is a jealous God, who will allow other gods to lead only so long. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any nation (Proverbs 14:34). It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God.

Conclusion

Usually, when someone is angry with another person, they want nothing to do with the person they are angry with, but that is not the case with God. When Adam sinned, he caused condemnation for all men, but God allowed Jesus's one act of righteousness to provide justification and life for all men. By the acts of the man Adam, all men were made sinners, and by the obedience of the one man, Jesus all men can be made righteous if they will turn to Christ in faith and repentance.

Thank God for His mercy and His grace. For when His anger was hot against Israel, He delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them and sold them into the hands of their enemies (Judges 2:14). So, it is important that the believer remember God and always honor Him because he does not want the anger of God directed toward him.

Questions

1. What can cause a loving God to be angry?
2. How does a person avoid the wrath of God?

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3. What makes a man wicked?
4. What is the expectation of the wicked?

Essential Thought

God has the power to save or destroy,
make the choice to be saved.

Conclusion

When someone is angry with another person, they want nothing to do with them. They are angry with them and they do not want to be with them. In the same way, God is angry with the wicked and he does not want to be with them. He has the power to save or destroy, and we must make the choice to be saved.

Questions