

“The Anger Of Man Does Not Produce The Righteousness of God”

1 Samuel 20:18-42

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness (sin that impedes us from hearing) and rampant wickedness (deliberate and determined sin) and receive with meekness (receptiveness) the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:19-22)

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil” (Ephesians 4:26-27).

“Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent” (Psalm 4:4).

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” (Exodus 34:6)

“A strong feeling that makes you want to hurt someone or be unpleasant toward someone because of something that you view as unfair or unkind has happened to you.”

- A visit through the expressions of anger in 1 Samuel:
 - “And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled.” (1 Samuel 11:6)
 - “And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night.” (1 Samuel 15:11b)
 - “And Eliab’s anger was kindled against David....I know your presumption and the evil of your heart....” (1 Samuel 17:28)
 - “Then Saul’s anger was kindled against Jonathan....” (1 Samuel 20:30)
 - “And Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger....for he was grieved for David....” (1 Samuel 20:34)
- Wisdom about dealing with anger to the glory of God:
 - The priority of loving God and loving neighbor (Mark 12:30-31) keeps the damaging effects of sinful anger at bay.
 - Sinful anger comes when we believe that we are more victim than sinner (Matthew 18:23-35).
 - Sinful anger wants to avoid reasoning with others (Matthew 5:24; Matthew 18:15-17) and instead wants to isolate from the person that we are offended by, which leads to isolation from God (Proverbs 18:1).
 - We should always question our anger (Proverbs 14:29). Angry people are the least aware of their sinful anger (Proverbs 16:25).
 - Sinful anger explodes and righteous anger thinks. Sinful anger accuses and righteous anger reasons. Sinful anger wants separation and righteous anger wants reconciliation. Sinful anger moves us away from God and righteous anger makes us be more committed to God. Sinful anger is harsh and righteous anger is grieved. Sinful anger sees no sin in themselves and righteous anger looks for their own sin first. Sinful anger is about us and righteous anger is about God (Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 14:29; 22:24; 29:11,22; James 4:1-2; Ephesians 4:31).

Worship: Nothing But The Blood — Various Artists Jesus, Thank You — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** If you currently serve in the Children's Ministry, please mark your calendars and plan on staying for a ministry meeting THIS Sunday, December 11th, immediately following the worship service.

★**CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING PARTY: LADIES**, we will be having a Christmas Cookie Decorating party NEXT Wednesday, December 14th, at 7pm at Christina Strawn's house (150 Pierson Blvd). Please RSVP to Christina as soon as possible so that she can make sure there are enough cookies to decorate! (740-755-6512)

★**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** We will be having our normal midweek Thursday worship service on December 22nd. We will NOT be having a Christmas Eve Service. We WILL BE having our normal worship service on Christmas Day at 5:30pm, there will be NO Children's Ministry offered during the worship service on Christmas Day!