

“Righteous Anger”

Matthew 5:20-22

May 11, 2025

INTRO: What gets you mad?

PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- Gospel of Matthew on The Gospel of Jesus The Christ...
- Today's a day of foundational & structural teaching...
- Today we'll set up a system that will help from now on.
- We are at a pivot point in Christ's mission & ministry...
- Covered: Incarnation; Mission; Means; Kingdom-War...
- Kingdom blessings and Kingdom citizenship...
- Jesus introduced Himself...
- Jesus divided eternity, heaven & hell, by righteousness.



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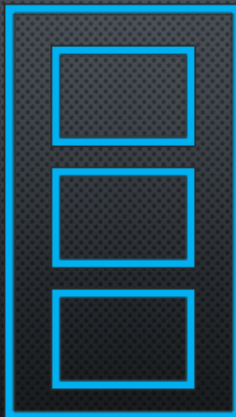
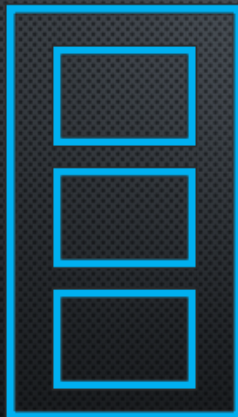
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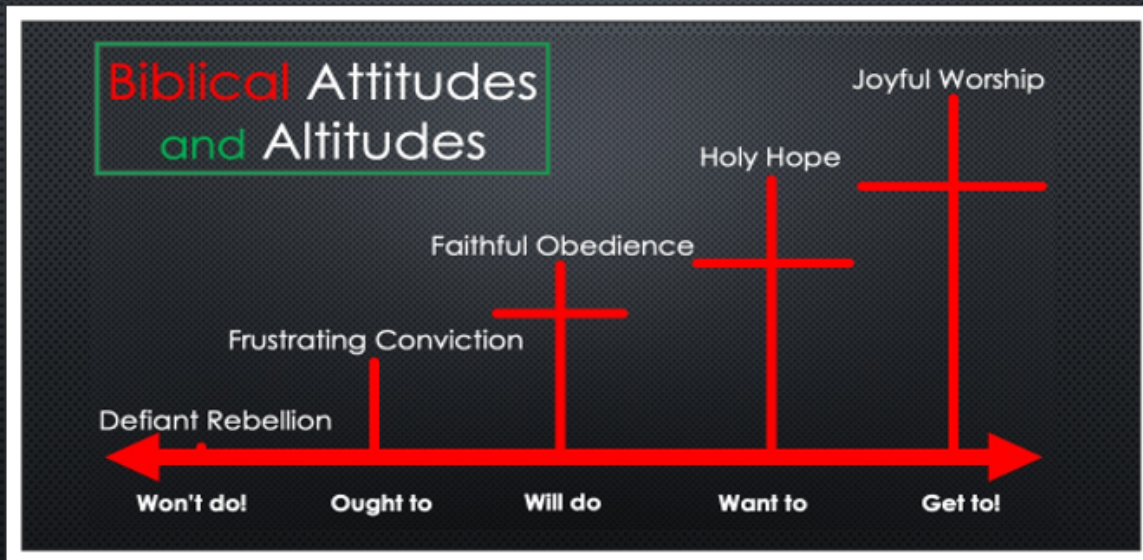
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Genesis 1:1
 2 Timothy 2:16-17
 John 1:1
 Matthew 7:21-23
 John 3:16
 John 14:6
 2 Cor. 5:21
 Titus 1:11
 Luke 16:27
 Acts 1:9
 Matthew 28:18-20
 Matthew 7:15 - Acts 20:29
 John 3:16
 John 6:44
 Mark 1:15
 1 John 2:6
 Romans 9:1
 Romans 3:23
 1 Peter 1:8
 Romans 6:23
 1 Cor. 2:14

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The **NARROW STAIRCASE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**



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2. How do the BEATITUDES relate?

3. For what? So what? & Now what?

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1. Righteous Condition
2. Righteous Correction
3. Righteous Clarification

TEXT: Matthew 5:20-22

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

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II. Righteous **CORRECTION**

- v.20 is itself a pointed & eternal correction...
- Then Jesus expressly corrects with the phrases...

21"You have heard that it was said... 22But I say to you..."

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T/S: Let's intro & contextualize biblical anger...

- Definition: anger is an emotional feeling and response to a perceived injustice or that which evokes elevated displeasure.
- Description:
 - **CONSTRUCTIVE**
 - **DESTRUCTIVE**
- Differentiation:
 - **SINFUL**
 - *“whatever is not from faith is sin.”*
– Romans 14:24
 - *“The anger of man does NOT achieve the righteousness of God.”* – James 1:20
 - *“All rash anger is heart-murder.”* -Henry
 - **RIGHTEOUS**
 - Psalm 4:4 & Ephesians 4:26
 - Mark 3:5 = *“Jesus was angry with them”*

VIDEO:

How God's Anger & Love Work Together

- A. **Layers** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (v.20)
- a. **Rotten** righteousness
 - b. **Resurrection** righteousness
 - i. 1 Peter 1:3
 - ii. Romans 10:4
 - iii. 2nd Corinthians 5:17-21

B. Layers of PEOPLE

- a. "You" (2X)
- b. "those of old"
- c. "I/Jesus" (2X)
- d. "whoever" (3X)
- e. "murders"
- f. "everyone"
- g. "the sinfully angry"
- h. "brother" (2X)

C. Layers of OFFENSE

- a. **Murder**
- b. **Anger (sinful)**
- c. **Insulting** (*a form of reviling*)
- d. **Saying: "You fool!"** (*a form of slander*)

D. Layers of "LIABLE"

- a. *Local Council* "judgment"
- b. *National Sanhedrin* "judgment"
- c. *Eternal "hell of fire"* "judgment"
 - i. "HELL" = *Gehenna (place of perpetual fire)*
 - ii. "FIRE" = **The LORD is a consuming fire!**
 - 1. Deuteronomy 4:24 (against you...)
 - 2. Deuteronomy 9:3 (for you...)
 - 3. Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,
29for our God is a consuming fire.

Don't miss this... the name caller & slanderer get the same eternal spiritual death as the earthly murderer!

E. Layers of RESPONSE

- a. ***"Won't do!"***
- b. ***"Ought to..."***
- c. ***"Will do..."***
- d. ***"Want to."***
- e. ***"GET to!"***

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With God it comes back to the heart!

CLOSE:

- 1. ***How do Christ & righteousness relate to anger?***
 - a. *There is a time, a place, & a way for anger...*
 - b. *ALL sinful anger is unrighteous & unacceptable.*
 - c. *Christ's resurrection righteousness is needed!*

2. *How do the BEATITUDES relate to anger?*

- a. The bankrupt humility of the **poor in spirit** compel them to be ever slow to anger...
- b. Sin-**mourners** repent over their sinful anger.
- c. The **meek** are careful to control their anger...
- d. Those who **hunger & thirst after "R"** seek to ensure their anger truly glorifies God.
- e. The **pure in heart** express Christ-like anger.
- f. **Peace-keeper's** anger unites true Christians.
- g. The **persecuted, reviled, & slandered** resist sinful anger, persevering when they are hurt & attacked for holy & righteous witnessing.

3. *For what?*

So what?

Now what?

- a. Righteous anger always seeks God's glory!
 - i. 1st Corinthians 10:31
 - ii. Ephesians 4:1
- b. You live in a warzone filled with fights...
 - i. Matthew 10:16
 - ii. Romans 12:18 *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*
- c. *"As the Father has sent Me, so now, I send you!"*
 - i. John 20:21
 - ii. Acts 1:8
 - iii. Matthew 28:18-20
 - iv. Titus 2:15

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