

“Character of God”

Part 3: Slow to Anger

Sunday, November 29th, 2020

Exodus 34:6-7a (NIV)

*6“And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, **slow to anger**, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished;”*

God’s core character traits are rooted in generous mercy and loyal love

God would not be good if he didn’t get angry at evil

Genesis 39:19 (NIV)

“When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” **he burned with anger.**”

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

“A person’s wisdom yields **patience**; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.”

God’s anger is an expression of his JUSTICE and LOVE for the world

He gives people LOTS OF TIME TO CHANGE!

Exodus 15:7 (NIV)

““In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your **burning anger**; it consumed them like stubble.”

We become prisoners to whatever we put our dependence in.

Romans 1:18-25 (NIV)

18“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. 21For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.”

Romans 2:1-4 (NIV)

1“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. 2Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? **4Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?” (emphasis added)**

GOD IS NOT CONTENT TO LET PEOPLE SIT IN THEIR
OWN SELF-DESTRUCTION

GOD IS ON A RESCUE MISSION!

God is: SLOW TO ANGER