

Angry At God

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I. Bruised Believers

Key Truth: It Isn't God's Fault

II. Anger & Compassion

Jonah 4:1-11

1-4 Self-Righteous Discontent

5-8 Isolated Sulking

9-11 Facing Hypocrisy

III. Sanctified Sensitivity

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following

God is an easy target for our frustration and anger. We know the Bible says He is sovereign and all-powerful. We know it also says He is merciful, gracious, and just. From these truths comes the assumption that God ought to intervene whenever and wherever we think it is the right thing to do. Herein lies the error. What we think is right and wrong oftentimes falls short or fails to understand the reality of the situation. The things that motivate and fuel our discontent should not be blamed on God. When it comes to our anger, it is not God's fault.

The Lord knows about our displeasure and emotional distress. He cares about the welfare and wellbeing of His people. His compassion however, is not bound by terms and conditions that we create and enforce. When we impose our sense of morality on God and find that He does not agree, it is tempting to sulk in self-righteous discontent. The outworking of this sinful behavior is isolation and broken communication with the only One who can truly heal our bruised and wounded hearts.

It makes no sense to wallow in anger toward God. If we believe He is truly God then we must accordingly believe that He *defines* what is right and good in all ways. It is hypocrisy to accuse the One who rescues us from the condemnation of sin to be an accessory to wrongdoing. If He were not perfect, then He could not be God. Because He is both perfect and God, we can look to Him to give us release from festering anger. What we need is Holy Spirit empowered, sanctified sensitivity.

Prayerfully ask the Lord to reveal any buried or surface-level anger that you are harboring in your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to uncover any failure in dealing with it biblically. Ask God to replace your anger with peace and to let His compassion flow in and through you. Express your commitment to be on guard against Satanic attempts to use anger as a weapon against you.