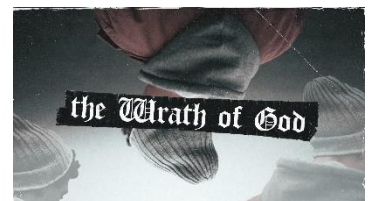

Why Is God Angry?

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE  [Psalm 7:1](#), [2 Samuel 22:7-8](#), [Psalm 18:6-7](#), [Romans 3:20](#), [Romans 1:18](#).

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Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: *The Wrath of God*

Message: Part 1 – *Why Is God Angry?*

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

Date: April 3, 2022



Connect (20min)

1. **VARIETY PACK:** Share your answers to this variety of questions

a. *Collecting & Cleaning:*

**Do you collect anything as a hobby or interest?*

If you had to collect something that you don't already collect, what would you be interested in collecting?

**What is 1 thing you need to clean out or get rid of this spring season?*

b. *Film Fanatics:*

**What is 1 movie that you've enjoyed watching multiple times?*

**What is 1 book (fiction/non-fiction) or true-life story that you'd love to see made into a film?*

c. *What is 1 place in BC (outside of Chilliwack) that you'd love to visit this spring?*

2. **OPEN UP** – 📖 Read [Psalm 145](#). Respond with Praise to God & Prayer for One Another.

Message Discussion (45min)

1. **YOUR ANGRY FACE**

- What do you look like when you're angry? On the count of 3, everyone show us your "Angry Face." 1-2-3...
- Would you say that you are (generally) *more or less angry* at this age than you were 5 years ago?
- What do you tend to get angry about? How do you tend to express your anger?
- What are some things that anger can be a symptom or cause of? (grief/loss, depression, fear, stress, pain, sin...)
- What are a couple of healthy things that help calm or relieve your anger?
- Would your family, friends or co-workers agree with your answers to these questions?

2. **MESSAGE FEEDBACK**

*How were you encouraged, challenged or changed through Sunday's Message? What impacted you?

3. **THE WRATH OF GOD**

- When you hear the phrase "*The Wrath of God*," what comes to mind?
- How can God be both loving and angry? Is this a contradiction? Is anger ever an essential part of love and life?
- What is the difference between righteous and unrighteous anger?

4. 📖 Read [Psalm 7](#) and [2 Samuel 22:1-8](#)

- What jumps out to you from these passages?
- How does David speak about the anger of God in this Psalm? Does he describe it in a good way or a bad way?
- Has there ever been a time where your anger showed your care and concern for someone else? Discuss.
- How does God's anger display His care and concern for us? Discuss.
- How is God's anger different from ours? What is God angry at? (sin, wickedness, evil...)

5. LAW & ANGER

- a. *Why & How* did God help people know that they are sinners in the Old Testament? (Love & the Law)
- b. What is the law and how did it highlight people's sin? (📖 Read [Romans 3:20](#) and [Romans 1:18](#))
- c. *God's anger with us, is with the sin in us. The sin that destroys us and leads us away from Him.*
 - i. How does that change your view of God's wrath and anger?
 - ii. Does it make you want to change?
 - iii. How can we change? (repentance, confession...)

6. ANGRY JESUS- Jesus shows us the truth about God.

- a. *God loves us* (📖 Read [John 13:1](#))
- b. *God grieves over unrepentance* (📖 Read [Luke 19:41-44](#)).
- c. *God is angered by stubborn sin* (📖 Read [Mark 3:5](#))
- d. Jesus proves that human love, sorrow, and anger are suitable analogies for God.
 - *Should we study and preach the wrath of God or the love of God?
 - *How do we do both? Why should we do both?
- e. How does preaching/living God's holiness (a holy life) express both God' wrath and love?

NOTE: *we shouldn't confuse God's wrath with his love. The Bible says that 'God is love' (1 John 4:16), but never that 'God is wrath'. While God experiences and expresses wrath, he is not wrath. We should remember that, in Scripture, preaching about judgement and wrath is always meant to warn people to repent and turn from their sins. We too should preach God's wrath in order to preach God's love and mercy. We should also remember that the great day of God's judgement and wrath is not now, but in the future, at the return of Christ: 'Now is the time of God's favour, now is the time of salvation' (1 Corinthians 6:2).*

Application & Prayer (20min)

The holiness of God, the wrath of God and the health of the creation are inseparably united. Not only is it right for God to display anger against sin, but I find it impossible to understand how He could do otherwise. – A.W. Tozer

Jesus got angry...We can learn a lot when we understand why He did—and what He chose to do when He felt strong anger.

- Craig Groeschel

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

*Do a *Scripture Study on Anger* this week: www.openbible.info/topics/anger

- a. Why is it important to learn about the love and wrath of God?
- b. How can you run from God's wrath and into His mercy this week?
- c. How can you exchange your unrighteous anger for righteous anger and mercy in your life and relationships this week?

PRAY TOGETHER – *Break into group of 3-4 people or Men/Women.*

In response to our study and discussion...how can we PRAY FOR YOU?

RESOURCES

Scripture: www.openbible.info/topics/anger

Commentary: www.criout.com/the-wrath-of-god-what-is-it-by-a-w-tozer, www.gotquestions.org/Bible-anger.html

COMING UP:

Check out our upcoming **Apologetics Conference – PROJECT 3:15**. April 30th. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/project315