

Offended by God | Part 4
Series: Living Free from the Trap of Offense
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Text: Jonah 4:1-5

It is never right to be angry with God.

And blessed is the one who is not offended by me. Matthew 11:6 (ESV)

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. Jonah 4:1

1. Anger at God robs us of Peace and Joy

God turns his anger away from Ninevah; Jonah turns his anger to God.

2. Being Offended by God reveals our Hypocrisy

He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity." Jonah 4:2

But when God decides to display his mercy, Jonah is offended.

3. Anger makes us Foolish.

Now Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." Jonah 4:3

Reasons People are offended by God.

- He Demands too much... (John 16:1, 53-59)
- He doesn't meet our expectations...

His ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9)

To be offended by God thinking you know better – thinking your way is right, is flat out foolish and stupid.

The Lord replied, Is it right for you to be angry? Jonah 4:4

God is looking for those who will submit to His will and purposes.

Being offended by God is a choice.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33 .