

## ~ANGER (1352)

[English, annoyance, irritation, fury, rage, antagonism, resentment, Opposite of, **calm**, Hebrew, *'aph*, nose, nostril, *'a-naph'*, meaning be incensed, Greek, *or-ge'* wrath, *thy-mos'* anger.]

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· In the Bible several different **Hebrew** and **Greek** words are used to denote anger. The most common **Hebrew** word for anger is *'aph*, basically meaning nose, nostril but often used figuratively for anger because of the violent breathing or snorting of an enraged person.

· And the earth began to shake and rock, and the foundations of the mountains themselves became agitated, and they kept shaking back and forth because he had been **angered**. (**Psalms 18:7**)

· Smoke went up at his **nostrils**, and fire itself from his mouth kept devouring, coals themselves blazed forth from him. (**Psalms 18:8**)

· And it must occur in that day, in the day when Gog comes in upon the soil of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, that my rage will come up into my nose. (**Ezekiel 38:18**)

· Related to *'aph* is *'a-naph'*, meaning **be incensed**. **Anger** is also often associated in the Hebrew Scriptures with heat and thus is said to blaze. Other **Hebrew** words are rendered **rage**, **fury**, and indignation. In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** the **Greek** *or-ge'* is generally translated **wrath**, while the **Greek** *thy-mos'* is usually rendered anger.

### .. God's Anger

· **Anger** may be justified or unjustified. On God's part, his anger is always justified, being based on principle dictated by his right to

**exclusive devotion and his constancy in upholding truth. It is governed by his love for righteousness and for those practicing righteousness.**

- **Divine anger does not stem from a momentary whim, to be later regretted. Yehowah sees all the issues involved in a matter and has complete, entire knowledge of a situation.**
- **And there is not a creation that is not manifest to his sight, but all things are naked and openly exposed to the eyes of him with whom we have an accounting. ([Hebrews 4:13](#))**
- **He reads the heart. He notes the degree of ignorance, negligence, or willful sin, and he acts with impartiality.**
- **For Yehowah your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the God great, mighty and fear-inspiring, who treats none with partiality nor accepts a bribe. ([Deuteronomy 10:17](#))**
- **Executing judgment for the fatherless boy and the widow and loving the alien resident so as to give him bread and a mantle. ([Deuteronomy 10:18](#))**
- **But Yehowah said to Samuel; Do not look at his appearance and at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not the way man sees is the way God sees, because mere man sees what appears to the eyes, but as for Yehowah, he sees what the heart is. ([1 Samuel 16:7](#))**
- **At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. ([Acts of Apostles 10:34](#))**
- **But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. ([Acts of Apostles 10:35](#))**

### **.. Principles Controlling Divine Wrath**

- **God's **anger** is always under control and in harmony with his attributes of love, wisdom, and justice. Because of his almighty power it is expressible to the degree he desires.**
- **He that does not love has not come to know God, because God is love. ([1 John 4:8](#))**
- **With him there are wisdom and mightiness, he has counsel and**

understanding. (Job 12:13)

- As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. (Job 37:23)

## · God's Anger Is Not Futile

- It is fully based on sufficient cause and always takes effect. His **anger** is satisfied and quieted only by the application of his principles. For example, in Israel a willful murderer could not be ransomed. **Only by the shedding of his blood could the land be cleansed** and freed from God's displeasure.
- Now if it was with an instrument of iron that he has struck him so that he dies, he is a murderer. Without fail the murderer should be put to death. (Numbers 35:16)
- And if it was with a small stone by which he could die that he has struck him so that he dies, he is a murderer. Without fail the murderer should be put to death. (Numbers 35:17)
- And if it was with a small instrument of wood by which he could die that he has struck him so that he dies, he is a murderer. Without fail the murderer should be put to death. (Numbers 35:18)
- Every fatal striker of a soul should be slain as a murderer at the mouth of witnesses, and one witness may not testify against a soul for him to die. (Numbers 35:30)
- And you must take no ransom for the soul of a murderer who is deserving to die, for without fail he should be put to death. (Numbers 35:31)
- And you must not take a ransom for one who has fled to his city of refuge, to resume dwelling in the land before the death of the High Priest. (Numbers 35:32)
- And you must not pollute the land in which you are, because it is blood that pollutes the land, and for the land there may be no atonement respecting the blood that has been spilled upon it except by the blood of the one spilling it. (Numbers 35:33)

- But an arrangement was made on the basis of sacrifices and the services of the High Priest to satisfy justice and to allay the **anger** of the God-ordained avenger of blood, whose heart may have been hot. This was the provision of the cities of refuge.
- Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and has to live: When he strikes his fellowman without knowing it and he was no hater of him formerly. (**Deuteronomy 19:4**)
- Or when he goes with his fellowman into the woods to gather wood, and his hand has been raised to strike with the ax to cut the tree, and the iron has slipped off from the wooden handle, and it has hit his fellowman and he has died, he himself should flee to one of these cities and must live. (**Deuteronomy 19:5**)
- Otherwise, the avenger of blood may, because his heart is hot, chase after the manslayer and actually overtake him, since the way is great, and he may indeed strike his soul fatally, whereas there is no sentence of death for him, because he was no hater of him formerly. (**Deuteronomy 19:6**)
- That is why I am commanding you, saying; Three cities you will set apart for yourself. (**Deuteronomy 19:7**)
- The **anger** of Yehowah can be allayed or satisfied only when justice is fully carried out. God's wrath is against all unrighteousness. He will not tolerate unrighteousness or exempt from punishment one deserving it.
- Preserving loving-kindness for thousands, pardoning error and transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (**Exodus 34:7**)
- You are too pure in eyes to see what is bad, and to look on trouble you are not able. Why is it that you look on those dealing treacherously, that you keep silent when someone wicked swallows up someone more righteous than he is? (**Habakkuk 1:13**)
- However, on the basis of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who bore the pains and chastisement justly due mankind, God's **anger** may be relieved and turned away for those who come to exercise faith.

- But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. (**Isaiah 53:5**)
- By means of this arrangement, Yehowah God is able to exhibit his own righteousness, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus.
- So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus. (**Romans 3:26**)
- In this way justice is fully satisfied, and yet God has a basis on which to extend mercy. Anyone who is disobedient has the **wrath** of God remaining upon him.
- He that exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life, he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the **wrath** of God remains upon him. (**John 3:36**)
- But when a person exercises faith, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ saves him from the **wrath** of God.
- And to wait for his Son from the heavens, whom he raised up from the dead, namely, Jesus, who delivers us from the **wrath** which is coming. (**1 Thessalonians 1:10**)

### •• Means For Expressing And The Causes Of Anger

- God's **anger** may be expressed directly or indirectly. He may use his laws governing natural things, or he may use other persons as instruments to express his **anger**. Those who violate his moral laws are under his wrath and receive in themselves the full recompense, which was due for their error. These suffer a disapproved mental state, degradation, diseases, strife, and death.
- For God's **wrath** is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are suppressing the truth in an unrighteous way. (**Romans 1:18**)
- Therefore God, in keeping with the desires of their hearts, gave them up to uncleanness, that their bodies might be dishonored

among them. (**Romans 1:24**)

- **And likewise even the males left the natural use of the female and became violently inflamed in their lust toward one another, males with males, working what is obscene and receiving in themselves the full recompense, which was due for their error. (**Romans 1:27**)**
- **And just as they did not approve of holding God in accurate knowledge, God gave them up to a disapproved mental state, to do the things not fitting. (**Romans 1:28**)**
- **Filled as they were with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, badness, being full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malicious disposition, being whisperers. (**Romans 1:29**)**
- **Backbiters, haters of God, insolent, haughty, self-assuming, inventors of injurious things, disobedient to parents. (**Romans 1:30**)**
- **Without understanding, false to agreements, having no natural affection, merciless. (**Romans 1:31**)**
- **Although these know full well the righteous decree of God, that those practicing such things are deserving of death, they not only keep on doing them but also consent with those practicing them. (**Romans 1:32**)**
- **When a person violates laws of the land that are in harmony with God's Laws and is punished by the governmental authority, this is an indirect expression of God's **wrath** against that one.**
- **Let every soul be in subjection to the superior authorities, for there is no authority except by God, the existing authorities stand placed in their relative positions by God. (**Romans 13:1**)**
- **Therefore he who opposes the authority has taken a stand against the arrangement of God, those who have taken a stand against it will receive judgment to themselves. (**Romans 13:2**)**
- **For those ruling are an object of fear, not to the good deed, but to the bad. Do you, then, want to have no fear of the authority? Keep doing good, and you will have praise from it. (**Romans 13:3**)**

- For it is God's minister to you for your good. But if you are doing what is bad, be in fear. For it is not without purpose that it bears the sword. For it is God's minister, an avenger to express wrath upon the one practicing what is bad. (**Romans 13:4**)
- Jesus Christ is the chief executioner of God's **anger**, and he will completely express God's **wrath** to fulfill his **anger** against the wicked.
- Look! A windstorm of Yehowah, **rage** itself, has gone forth, an onward-sweeping tempest. Upon the head of the wicked one's it will whirl. (**Jeremiah 30:23**)
- The burning **anger** of Yehowah will not turn back until he will have executed and until he will have carried out the ideas of his heart. In the final part of the days you people will give your consideration to it. (**Jeremiah 30:24**)
- Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself. (**Revelation 19:7**)
- Yes, it has been granted to her to be arrayed in bright, clean, fine linen, for the fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the holy ones. (**Revelation 19:8**)
- And he tells me; Write. Happy are those invited to the evening meal of the Lambs marriage. Also, he tells me; These are the true sayings of God. (**Revelation 19:9**)
- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God. For the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**Revelation 19:11**)
- His eyes are a **fiery flame**, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (**Revelation 19:12**)
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood,

- and the name he is called is The Word of God. (**Revelation 19:13**)
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (**Revelation 19:14**)
  - And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he **may strike the nations with it**, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the **anger** of the **wrath** of God the Almighty. (**Revelation 19:15**)
  - And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (**Revelation 19:16**)
  - And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (**Revelation 19:19**)
  - And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (**Revelation 19:20**)
  - But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (**Revelation 19:21**)
  - **Wrong attitudes and actions toward God's chosen one's will provoke his anger. The Egyptians were plagued because of not letting Israel worship Yehowah.**
  - How he put his signs in Egypt itself and his miracles in the field of Zoan. (**Psalms 78:43**)
  - And how he began changing to blood their Nile canals, so that they could not drink from their own streams. (**Psalms 78:44**)
  - He proceeded to send upon them gadflies, that these might eat them up, and frogs, that these might bring them to ruin. (**Psalms 78:45**)

- And he began to give to the cockroaches their yield, and their toil to the locusts. (**Psalms 78:46**)
- He went killing their vine even by the hail and their sycamore trees by hailstones. (**Psalms 78:47**)
- And he proceeded to hand over their beasts of burden even to the hail and their livestock to the flaming fever. (**Psalms 78:48**)
- He went sending upon them his burning **anger**, fury and denunciation and distress, deputations of angels bringing calamity. (**Psalms 78:49**)
- He proceeded to prepare a pathway for his **anger**. He did not hold back their soul from death itself, and their life he handed over even to the pestilence. (**Psalms 78:50**)
- **Miriam and Aaron felt the heat of **divine anger** because of disrespect for Moses God-appointed position.**
- And Yehowah's **anger** got to be hot against them, and he went his way. (**Numbers 12:9**)
- And the cloud turned away from over the tent, and, look! **Miriam was struck with leprosy as white as snow**. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and, look! She was struck with leprosy. (**Numbers 12:10**)
- **Yehowah's **anger** was against judges who oppressed the lowly.**
- **Woe to those who are enacting harmful regulations and those who, constantly writing, have written out sheer trouble. (**Isaiah 10:1**)**
- **In order to push away the lowly one's from a legal case and to wrest away justice from the afflicted one's of my people, for the widows to become their spoil, and that they may plunder even the fatherless boys! (**Isaiah 10:2**)**
- **And what will you men do at the day of being given attention and at the ruin, when it comes from far away? Toward whom will you flee for assistance, and where will you leave your glory. (**Isaiah 10:3**)**

- Except it be that one must bow down under the prisoners and that people keep falling under those who have been killed? In view of all this his **anger** has not turned back, but his hand is stretched out still. (**Isaiah 10:4**)
- Those who hinder the preaching of the Good News are in line for God's **wrath**.
- As they try to hinder us from speaking to people of the nations that these might be saved, with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But his **wrath** has at length come upon them. (**1 Thessalonians 2:16**)
- Yehowah is provoked to **anger** by false worship, especially when his professed people turn away to other gods.
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Go, descend, because your people whom you led up out of the land of Egypt have acted ruinously. (**Exodus 32:7**)
- They have turned aside in a hurry from the way I have commanded them to go. They have made a molten statue of a calf for themselves and keep bowing down to it and sacrificing to it and saying; This is your God, O Israel, who led you up out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 32:8**)
- And Yehowah went on to say to Moses; I have looked at this people, and here it is a stiff-necked people. (**Exodus 32:9**)
- So now let me be, that my **anger** may blaze against them, and I may exterminate them, and let me make you into a great nation. (**Exodus 32:10**)
- So Israel attached itself to the Baal of Peor, and the **anger** of Yehowah began to blaze against Israel. (**Numbers 25:3**)
- Hence Yehowah said to Moses; Take all the head one's of the people and expose them to Yehowah toward the sun, that the burning **anger** of Yehowah may turn back from Israel. (**Numbers 25:4**)
- Thus they abandoned Yehowah and took up serving Baal and the Ashtoreth images. (**Judges 2:13**)

- At this Yehowah's **anger** blazed against Israel, so that he gave them into the hands of the pillagers, and they began to pillage them, and he proceeded to sell them into the hand of their enemies round about, and they were no longer able to stand before their enemies. (**Judges 2:14**)
- Finally Yehowah's **anger** blazed against Israel and he said; For the reason that this nation have overstepped my covenant that I commanded their forefathers and have not listened to my voice. (**Judges 2:20**)
- And that was the way he did for all his foreign wives who were making sacrificial smoke and sacrificing to their gods. (**1 Kings 11:8**)
- And Yehowah came to be **incensed** at Solomon, because his heart had inclined away from Yehowah the God of Israel, the one appearing to him twice. (**1 Kings 11:9**)
- His **anger** is aroused by immorality, suppression of the truth, lack of repentance, disobedience to the Good News, the despising of his words, mocking at his prophets, covetousness, injuriousness, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malicious disposition, by those who are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, insolent, haughty, self-assuming, inventors of injurious things, disobedient to parents, false to agreements, merciless, spiritists, and liars. All of these and **the practice of any other unrighteousness provoke God's anger.**
- Deaden, therefore, your body members that are upon the earth as respects fornication, uncleanness, sexual appetite, hurtful desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (**Colossians 3:5**)
- On account of those things the **wrath** of God is coming. (**Colossians 3:6**)
- In a flaming fire, as he brings **vengeance** upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**)
- For God's **wrath** is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are suppressing the truth in an unrighteous way. (**Romans 1:18**)
- Filled as they were with all unrighteousness, wickedness,

covetousness, badness, being full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malicious disposition, being whisperers. (**Romans 1:29**)

- Backbiters, haters of God, insolent, haughty, self-assuming, inventors of injurious things, disobedient to parents. (**Romans 1:30**)
- Without understanding, false to agreements, having no natural affection, merciless. (**Romans 1:31**)
- But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up **wrath** for yourself on the day of wrath and of the revealing of God's righteous judgment. (**Romans 2:5**)
- However, for those who are contentious and who disobey the truth but obey unrighteousness there will be **wrath** and **anger**. (**Romans 2:8**)
- And Yehowah the God of their forefathers kept sending against them by means of his messengers, sending again and again, because he felt compassion for his people and for his dwelling. (**2 Chronicles 36:15**)
- But they were continually making jest at the messengers of the true God and despising his words and mocking at his prophets, until the **rage** of Yehowah came up against his people, until there was no healing. (**2 Chronicles 36:16**)
- Outside are the dogs and those who practice spiritism and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone liking and carrying on a lie. (**Revelation 22:15**)

### •• Anger Not A Dominant Quality

- However, Yehowah God is **slow to anger** and abundant in loving-kindness.
- And Yehowah went passing by before his face and declaring: Yehowah, Yehowah, a God merciful and gracious, **slow to anger** and abundant in loving-kindness and truth. (**Exodus 34:6**)
- Yehowah, **slow to anger** and abundant in loving-kindness, pardoning error and transgression, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error

of the fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (**Numbers 14:18**)

- **If one fears Yehowah and works righteousness, he will receive mercy from Yehowah, for the Almighty recognizes man's inherited imperfection and shows mercy to him on this account and on the basis of Jesus sacrifice.**
- **As a father shows mercy to his sons, Yehowah has shown mercy to those fearing him. (**Psalms 103:13**)**
- **For he himself well knows the formation of us, remembering that we are dust. (**Psalms 103:14**)**
- **And Yehowah began to smell a restful odor, and so Yehowah said in his heart: Never again shall I call down evil upon the ground on man's account, because the inclination of the heart of man is bad from his youth up. Never again shall I deal every living thing a blow just as I have done. (**Genesis 8:21**)**
- **Before the statute gives birth to anything, before the day has passed by just like chaff, before there comes upon you people the **burning anger of Yehowah**, before there comes upon you the day of Yehowah's anger. (**Zephaniah 2:2**)**
- **Seek Yehowah, all you meek one's of the earth, who have practiced His own judicial decision. Seek righteousness, seek meekness. Probably you may be concealed in the day of **Yehowah's anger**. (**Zephaniah 2:3**)**
- **He checks his **anger** in behalf of his name and in order to carry out his purpose toward his chosen people.**
- **For the sake of my name I shall check my **anger**, and for my praise I shall restrain myself toward you that there may be no cutting you off. (**Isaiah 48:9**)**
- **And rip apart your hearts, and not your garments, and come back to Yehowah your God, for he is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger** and abundant in loving-kindness, and he will certainly feel regret on account of the calamity. (**Joel 2:13**)**
- **Who is there knowing whether he will turn back and actually **feel regret** and let remain after it a blessing, a grain offering and a**

drink offering for Yehowah your God? (**Joel 2:14**)

- Yehowah's **anger** in time passes from those who truly serve him, acknowledge their sin, and repent.
- And in that day you will be sure to say; I shall thank you, O Yehowah, for although you got incensed at me, your **anger** gradually turned back, and you proceeded to comfort me. (**Isaiah 12:1**)
- Because being under his **anger** is for a moment, being under his goodwill is for a lifetime. In the evening weeping may take up lodging, but in the morning there is a joyful cry. (**Psalms 30:5**)
- He is **not an angry God but a happy God**, not unapproachable but pleasant, peaceful, and calm toward those who properly approach his presence.
- According to the glorious Good News of the happy God, with which I was entrusted. (**1 Timothy 1:11**)
- You will cause me to know the path of life. Rejoicing to satisfaction is with your face, there is pleasantness at your right hand forever. (**Psalms 16:11**)
- And the one seated is, in appearance, like a jasper stone and a precious red-colored stone, and round about the throne there is a rainbow like an emerald in appearance. (**Revelation 4:3**)
- This is in contrast to the **angry**, merciless, cruel characteristics ascribed to the false gods of the pagans and portrayed in images of these gods.

#### •• **What Place Does Anger Have Among God's Servants?**

- Man's expression of **anger** may be proper if it is based on principle. One may rightly express righteous indignation. We are commanded to **abhor what is wicked**.
- Let your love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor what is wicked**, cling to what is good. (**Romans 12:9**)
- The Bible provides numerous examples of **righteous indignation**.

- And all these servants of yours will certainly come down to me and prostrate themselves to me, saying; Go, you and all the people who follow your steps. And after that I shall go out. With that he went out from Pharaoh in the **heat of anger**. (**Exodus 11:8**)
- So it came about that as soon as he got near the camp and could see the calf and the dances, **Moses anger began to blaze**, and he at once threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain. (**Exodus 32:19**)
- Later Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said; We are not going to come up! (**Numbers 16:12**)
- Is it so little a thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to put us to death in the wilderness, that you should also try to play the prince over us to the limit? (**Numbers 16:13**)
- As it is, you have not brought us into any land flowing with milk and honey, that you may give us an inheritance of field and vineyard. Is it the eyes of those men that you want to bore out? We are not going to come up! (**Numbers 16:14**)
- At this **Moses became very angry** and said to Yehowah; Do not turn to look at their grain offering. Not one male ass have I taken away from them, nor have I harmed one of them. (**Numbers 16:15**)
- Immediately Jonathan rose up from the table in the heat of **anger**, and he did not eat bread on the second day after the new moon, **for he had been hurt respecting David**, because his own father had humiliated him. (**1 Samuel 20:34**)
- Now I became **very angry** as soon as I heard their outcry and these words. (**Nehemiah 5:6**)
- As for the king, he rose up in his **rage** from the banquet of wine to go to the garden of the palace, and Haman himself stood up to make request for his soul from Esther the queen, for he saw that bad had been determined against him by the king. (**Esther 7:7**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to send Nathan to David. So he came in to him and said to him; There were two men that happened to

- be in one city, the one rich and the other of little means. (2 Samuel 12:1)
- The rich man happened to have very many sheep and cattle. (2 Samuel 12:2)
  - But the man of little means had nothing but one female lamb, a small one, that he had bought. And he was preserving it alive, and it was growing up with him and with his sons, all together. From his morsel it would eat, and from his cup it would drink, and in his bosom it would lie, and it came to be as a daughter to him. (2 Samuel 12:3)
  - After a while a visitor came to the rich man, but he spared taking some from his own sheep and his own cattle to get such ready for the traveler that had come in to him. So he took the female lamb of the man of little means and got it ready for the man that had come in to him. (2 Samuel 12:4)
  - At this **David's anger grew very hot against the man**, so that he said to Nathan; As Yehowah is living, the man doing this deserves to die! (2 Samuel 12:5)
  - And for the female lamb he should make compensation with four, as a consequence of the fact that he has done this thing and because he did not have compassion. (2 Samuel 12:6)
  - However, the **anger** of man is more often unjustified and is many times uncontrolled. It is often based on insufficient cause and expressed without due regard for the consequences. After Yehowah had spared Nineveh, Jonah was displeased, and he got to be hot with **anger**. Jonah lacked mercy and had to be corrected by Yehowah.
  - To Jonah, though, it was highly displeasing, and he got to be **hot with anger**. (Jonah 4:1)
  - Hence he prayed to Yehowah and said; Ah, now, O Yehowah, was not this an affair of mine, while I happened to be on my own ground? That is why I went ahead and ran away to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a God gracious and merciful, slow to **anger** and abundant in loving-kindness, and feeling regret over the calamity. (Jonah 4:2)
  - And now, O Yehowah, take away, please, my soul from me, for

my dying is better than my being alive. (**Jonah 4:3**)

- In turn Yehowah said; Have you rightly become hot with **anger**? (**Jonah 4:4**)
- Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and gradually he made for himself there a booth, that he might sit under it in the shade until he would see what would become of the city. (**Jonah 4:5**)
- Accordingly Yehowah God appointed a bottle-gourd plant, that it should come up over Jonah, in order to become a shade over his head, to deliver him from his calamitous state. And Jonah began to rejoice greatly over the bottle-gourd plant. (**Jonah 4:6**)
- But the true God appointed a worm at the ascending of the dawn on the next day, that it should strike the bottle-gourd plant, and it gradually dried up. (**Jonah 4:7**)
- And it came about that, as soon as the sun shone forth, God also went on to appoint a parching east wind, and the sun kept striking upon the head of Jonah, so that he was swooning away, and he kept asking that his soul might die, and he repeatedly said, My dying off is better than my being alive. (**Jonah 4:8**)
- And God proceeded to say to Jonah; Have you rightly become hot with **anger** over the bottle-gourd plant? At that he said; I have rightly become hot with anger, to the point of death. (**Jonah 4:9**)
- But Yehowah said; You, for your part, felt sorry for the bottle-gourd plant, which you did not toil upon or make get big, which proved to be a mere growth of a night and perished as a mere growth of a night. (**Jonah 4:10**)
- And, for my part, ought I not to feel sorry for Nineveh the great city, in which there exist more than one hundred and twenty thousand men who do not at all know the difference between their right hand and their left, besides many domestic animals? (**Jonah 4:11**)
- King Uzziah of Judah became **enraged** when corrected by the priests of Yehowah and went ahead in his presumptuous course, for which he was punished.

- **However, as soon as he was strong, his heart became haughty even to the point of causing ruin, so that he acted unfaithfully against Yehowah his God and came into the temple of Yehowah to burn incense upon the altar of incense. (2 Chronicles 26:16)**
- **Immediately Azariah the priest and with him priests of Yehowah, eighty valiant men, came in after him. (2 Chronicles 26:17)**
- **Then they stood up against Uzziah the king and said to him; It is not your business, O Uzziah, to burn incense to Yehowah, but it is the business of the priests the sons of Aaron, the one's sanctified, to burn incense. Go out from the sanctuary, for you have acted unfaithfully, and it is not for any glory to you on the part of Yehowah God. (2 Chronicles 26:18)**
- **But Uzziah became **enraged** while in his hand there was a censer for burning incense, and, during his **rage** against the priests, leprosy itself flashed up in his forehead before the priests in the house of Yehowah beside the altar of incense. (2 Chronicles 26:19)**
- **When Azariah the chief priest and all the priests turned toward him, why, there he was stricken with leprosy in his forehead! So they excitedly began to remove him from there, and he himself also hastened to go out, because Yehowah had smitten him. (2 Chronicles 26:20)**
- **And Uzziah the king continued to be a leper until the day of his death, and he kept dwelling in a house exempt from duties, as a leper, for he had been severed from the house of Yehowah, while Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. (2 Chronicles 26:21)**
- **Naaman's ill-advised pride **caused indignation and rage** on his part, almost resulting in the loss of a blessing from God.**
- **However, Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying; Going there, you must bathe seven times in the Jordan that your flesh may come back to you, and be clean. (2 Kings 5:10)**
- **At this Naaman grew indignant and began to go away and say; Here I had said to myself, to me he will come out all the way and will certainly stand and call upon the name of Yehowah his God**

- and move his hand to and fro over the place and actually give the leper recovery. (2 Kings 5:11)
- Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them and certainly be clean? With that he turned and went **away in a rage**. (2 Kings 5:12)
  - His servants now approached and spoke to him and said; My father, had it been a great thing that the prophet himself had spoken to you, would you not do it? How much more, then, since he said to you, Bathe and be clean? (2 Kings 5:13)
  - At that he went down and began to plunge into the Jordan seven times according to the word of the man of the true God, after which his flesh came back like the flesh of a little boy and he became clean. (2 Kings 5:14)

#### · Vital Need For Control

- Unjustified and uncontrolled **anger** has led many persons into greater sin, even acts of violence. **Cain grew hot with great anger** and slew Abel.
- He did not look with any favor upon Cain and upon his offering. And **Cain grew hot with great anger**, and his countenance began to fall. (Genesis 4:5)
- After that Cain said to Abel his brother; Let us go over into the field. So it came about that while they were in the field Cain proceeded to assault Abel his brother and kill him. (Genesis 4:8)
- Esau wanted to kill Jacob, who received the blessing of their father.
- However, Esau **harbored animosity** for Jacob on account of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau kept saying in his heart; The days of the period of mourning for my father are getting closer. After that **I am going to kill Jacob** my brother. (Genesis 27:41)
- When the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, she at once sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, Look! Esau your brother is **comforting himself in regard to you**,

**to kill you. (Genesis 27:42)**

- **Now, then, my son, listen to my voice and get up, run away to Laban my brother at Haran. (Genesis 27:43)**
- **And you must dwell with him for some days until the rage of your brother calms down. (Genesis 27:44)**
- **Until the **anger** of your brother turns away from you and he has forgotten what you have done to him. And I shall certainly send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of both of you in one day? (Genesis 27:45)**
- **Saul in his rage hurled spears at David and Jonathan.**
- **And Saul proceeded to hurl the spear and say; I will pin David even to the wall! But David turned aside from before him, twice. (1 Samuel 18:11)**
- **Consequently Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he dodged from before Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David himself fled that he might escape during that night. (1 Samuel 19:10)**
- **Then Saul's **anger** grew hot against Jonathan and he said to him, You son of a rebellious maid, do I not well know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the secret parts of your mother? (1 Samuel 20:30)**
- **For all the days that the son of Jesse is alive on the ground, you and your kingship will not be firmly established. So now send and fetch him to me, for he is destined for death. (1 Samuel 20:31)**
- **However, Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him; Why should he be put to death? What has he done? (1 Samuel 20:32)**
- **At that Saul went hurling the spear at him to strike him, and Jonathan came to know that it had been determined upon by **his father to put David to death.** (1 Samuel 20:33)**
- **Immediately Jonathan rose up from the table in the **heat of anger**, and he did not eat bread on the second day after the new**

moon, for he had been hurt respecting David, because his own father had humiliated him. ([1 Samuel 20:34](#))

- Those in attendance at the synagogue in Nazareth, aroused to **anger** by Jesus preaching, endeavored to hurl him from the brow of a mountain.
- Now all those hearing these things in the synagogue became filled with **anger**. ([Luke 4:28](#))
- And they rose up and hurried him outside the city, and they led him to the brow of the mountain upon which their city had been built, in order to throw him down headlong. ([Luke 4:29](#))
- **Angered** religious leaders rushed upon Stephen with one accord and **stoned him to death**.
- Well, at hearing these things they felt cut to their hearts and began to gnash their teeth at him. ([Acts of Apostles 7:54](#))
- But he, being full of Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and caught sight of God's glory and of Jesus standing at God's right hand. ([Acts of Apostles 7:55](#))
- And he said; Look! I behold the heavens opened up and the Son of man standing at God's right hand. ([Acts of Apostles 7:56](#))
- At this they cried out at the top of the voice and put their hands over their ears and rushed upon him with one accord. ([Acts of Apostles 7:57](#))
- And after throwing him outside the city, they began casting stones at him. And the witnesses laid down their outer garments at the feet of a young man called Saul. ([Acts of Apostles 7:58](#))
- And they went on casting stones at Stephen as he made appeal and said; Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ([Acts of Apostles 7:59](#))
- Then, bending his knees, he cried out with a strong voice; Yehowah, do not charge this sin against them. And after saying this he fell asleep in death. ([Acts of Apostles 7:60](#))
- **Anger**, even when justified, if not controlled, may be dangerous, producing bad results. Simeon and Levi had reason to be indignant at

Shechem for violating their sister Dinah, though some of the blame was hers.

- But the wanton slaughter of the Shechemites was an **excessive penalty to inflict**. Hence their father Jacob denounced their **uncontrolled anger**, cursing it.
- Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, used to go out to see the daughters of the land. (**Genesis 34:1**)
- And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, a chieftain of the land, got to see her and then took her and lay down with her and violated her. (**Genesis 34:2**)
- And his soul began clinging to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he fell in love with the young woman and kept speaking persuasively to the young woman. (**Genesis 34:3**)
- Finally Shechem said to Hamor his father; Get me this young lady as a wife. (**Genesis 34:4**)
- And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. And his sons happened to be with his herd in the field, and Jacob kept silent until they should come in. (**Genesis 34:5**)
- Later Hamor, Shechem's father, went out to Jacob to speak with him. (**Genesis 34:6**)
- And the sons of Jacob came in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men became hurt in their feelings and they **grew very angry**, because he had committed a disgraceful folly against Israel in lying down with Jacob's daughter, whereas nothing like that ought to be done. (**Genesis 34:7**)
- And Hamor proceeded to speak with them, saying; As for Shechem my son, his soul is attached to your daughter. Give her, please, to him as a wife. (**Genesis 34:8**)
- And form marriage alliances with us. Your daughters you are to give to us, and our daughters you are to take for yourselves. (**Genesis 34:9**)
- And with us you may dwell, and the land will become available for you. Dwell and carry on business in it and get settled in it.

**(Genesis 34:10)**

- **Then Shechem said to her father and to her brothers: Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you will say to me I shall give it. (Genesis 34:11)**
- **Raise very high the marriage money and gift imposed upon me, and I stand willing to give according to what you may say to me, only give me the young woman as a wife. (Genesis 34:12)**
- **And Jacob's sons began to answer Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit and to speak so because he had defiled Dinah their sister. (Genesis 34:13)**
- **And they went on to say to them; We cannot possibly do such a thing, to give our sister to a man who has a foreskin, because that is a reproach to us. (Genesis 34:14)**
- **Only on this condition can we give consent to you, that you become like us, by every male of yours getting circumcised. (Genesis 34:15)**
- **Then we shall certainly give our daughters to you, and your daughters we shall take for ourselves, and we shall certainly dwell with you and become one people. (Genesis 34:16)**
- **But if you do not listen to us to get circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go. (Genesis 34:17)**
- **And their words seemed good in the eyes of Hamor and in the eyes of Shechem, Hamor's son. (Genesis 34:18)**
- **And the young man did not delay to perform the condition, because he did find delight in Jacob's daughter and he was the most honorable of the whole house of his father. (Genesis 34:19)**
- **So Hamor and Shechem his son went to the gate of their city and began to speak to the men of their city, saying; (Genesis 34:20)**
- **These men are peace-loving toward us. Hence let them dwell in the land and carry on business in it, as the land is quite wide before them. Their daughters we can take as wives for ourselves and our own daughters we can give to them. (Genesis 34:21)**

- **Only on this condition will the men give us their consent to dwell with us so as to become one people, that every male of ours gets circumcised just the way they are circumcised. (Genesis 34:22)**
- **Then their possessions and their wealth and all their livestock, will they not be ours? Only let us give them our consent that they may dwell with us. (Genesis 34:23)**
- **Then all those going out by the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son, and all the males got circumcised, all those going out by the gate of his city. (Genesis 34:24)**
- **However, it came about that on the third day, when they got to be aching, the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, proceeded to take each one his sword and to go unsuspectedly to the city and to kill every male. (Genesis 34:25)**
- **And Hamor and Shechem his son they killed with the edge of the sword. Then they took Dinah from Shechem's house and went on out. (Genesis 34:26)**
- **The other sons of Jacob attacked the fatally wounded men and went plundering the city, because they had defiled their sister. (Genesis 34:27)**
- **Their flocks and their herds and their asses and what was in the city and what was in the field they took. (Genesis 34:28)**
- **And all their means of maintenance and all their little children and their wives they carried off captive, so that they plundered all that was in the houses. (Genesis 34:29)**
- **At this Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi; You have brought ostracism upon me in making me a stench to the inhabitants of the land, with the Canaanites and the Perizzites. Whereas I am few in number, and they will certainly gather together against me and assault me and I must be annihilated, I and my house. (Genesis 34:30)**
- **In turn they said; Ought anyone to treat our sister like a prostitute? (Genesis 34:31)**
- **Simeon and Levi are brothers. Instruments of violence are their slaughter weapons. (Genesis 49:5)**

- Into their intimate group do not come, O my soul. With their congregation do not become united, O my disposition, because in their **anger** they killed men, and in their arbitrariness they hamstrung bulls. (**Genesis 49:6**)
- Cursed be their **anger**, because it is cruel, and their fury, because it acts harshly. Let me parcel them out in Jacob and let me scatter them in Israel. (**Genesis 49:7**)
- When under heavy provocation a person should control his **anger**. The complaint and rebelliousness of the Israelites provoked Moses, the meekest man on the earth, to an **uncontrolled act of anger** in which he failed to sanctify Yehowah, and for which he was punished.
- And the man Moses was by far the meekest of all the men who were upon the surface of the ground. (**Numbers 12:3**)
- After that Moses and Aaron called the congregation together before the crag, and he proceeded to say to them; **Hear, now, you rebels! Is it from this crag that we shall bring out water for you?** (**Numbers 20:10**)
- With that Moses lifted his hand up and struck the crag with his rod twice, and much water began to come out, and the assembly and their beasts of burden began to drink. (**Numbers 20:11**)
- Later Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron; Because you did not show faith in me to sanctify me before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you will not bring this congregation into the land that I shall certainly give them. (**Numbers 20:12**)
- Further, they caused provocation at the waters of Meribah, so that it went badly with Moses by reason of them. (**Psalms 106:32**)
- For they embittered his spirit and he began to speak rashly with his lips. (**Psalms 106:33**)
- Fits of **anger** are classified along with other detestable works of the flesh, such as **loose conduct, idolatry, practice of spiritism, and drunken bouts**. Such will keep one from inheriting God's Kingdom.
- Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are

- fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct. (**Galatians 5:19**)
- Idolatry, practice of spiritism, enmities, strife, jealousy, fits of **anger**, contentions, divisions, sects. (**Galatians 5:20**)
  - Envy, drunken bouts, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. (**Galatians 5:21**)
  - **Angry** talk is to be kept out of the congregation. Men representing the congregation in prayer should be free from feelings of **anger** and ill will.
  - Therefore I desire that in every place the men carry on prayer, lifting up loyal hands, apart from wrath and debates. (**1 Timothy 2:8**)
  - Christians are commanded to be **slow about wrath**, being told that **man's wrath** does not work out God's righteousness.
  - Know this, my beloved brothers. Every man must be swift about hearing, slow about speaking, **slow about wrath**. (**James 1:19**)
  - For **man's wrath** does not work out God's righteousness. (**James 1:20**)
  - They are counseled to **yield place to the wrath** and to leave vengeance to Yehowah.
  - Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, **but yield place to the wrath**, for it is written: **Vengeance is mine**. I will repay, says Yehowah. (**Romans 12:19**)
  - A man cannot be used as an overseer in the congregation of God if he is **prone to wrath**.
  - For an overseer must be free from accusation as God's steward, not self-willed, **not prone to wrath**, not a drunken brawler, not a smiter, not greedy of dishonest gain. (**Titus 1:7**)
  - While a person may on occasion be **angry** and sometimes justifiably so, he should not let it become sin to him **by harboring it** or maintaining a **provoked state**. He should not let the sun set with him

in such a condition, for he would thereby allow place for the Devil to take advantage of him.

- Be **wrathful**, and yet do not sin, let the sun not set with you in a **provoked state**. (**Ephesians 4:26**)
- Neither allow place for the Devil. (**Ephesians 4:27**)
- Especially if it is a case of **anger** between Christian brothers, he should take proper steps to make peace or get the matter settled in the God-provided way.
- You must not **hate** your brother in your heart. You should by all means reprove your associate, that you may not bear sin along with him. (**Leviticus 19:17**)
- You must not take **vengeance** nor have a **grudge** against the sons of your people, and you must love your fellow as yourself. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:18**)
- If, then, you are bringing your gift to the altar and you there remember that your brother has **something against you**. (**Matthew 5:23**)
- Leave your gift there in front of the altar, and go away, first make your peace with your brother, and then, when you have come back, offer up your gift. (**Matthew 5:24**)
- Moreover, if your brother **commits a sin**, go lay bare his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. (**Matthew 18:15**)
- Pay attention to yourselves. If your brother **commits a sin** give him a **rebuke**, and **if he repents forgive him**. (**Luke 17:3**)
- Even if he sins seven times a day against you and he comes back to you seven times, saying; I repent, you must forgive him. (**Luke 17:4**)
- The Scriptures counsel that we should watch our associations in this regard, not having companionship with anyone given to **anger** or **fits of rage**, thereby avoiding a snare for our souls.
- Do not have companionship with anyone **given to anger**, and

with a man having **fits of rage** you must not enter in. (**Proverbs 22:24**)

- That you may not get familiar with his paths and certainly take a snare for your soul. (**Proverbs 22:25**)
- Jesus Christ, when a man on earth, gave us the perfect example. The records of his life do not recount one occasion where he had a fit of uncontrolled **anger** or where he allowed the lawlessness, rebelliousness, and harassment of the enemies of God to upset his spirit and cause him to reflect such a thing toward his followers or others. On one occasion he was **thoroughly grieved** at the insensibility of the hearts of the Pharisees and looked upon them with **indignation**. His next act was an act of healing.
- And after looking around upon them with indignation, being thoroughly grieved at the insensibility of their hearts, he said to the man; Stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. (**Mark 3:5**)
- When he, in another instance, drove out those who were **defiling God's temple as well as violating the Law of Moses by making Yehowah's house a house of merchandise**, it was through **no uncontrolled, unjustified fit of anger**. Rather, the Scriptures show that it was **properly directed zeal** for the house of Yehowah.
- Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (**John 2:13**)
- And he found in the temple those selling cattle and sheep and doves and the money brokers in their seats. (**John 2:14**)
- So, after making a whip of ropes, he drove all those with the sheep and cattle out of the temple, and he poured out the coins of the money **changers** and overturned their tables. (**John 2:15**)
- And he said to those selling the doves; Take these things away from here! Stop making the house of my Father a house of merchandise! (**John 2:16**)
- His disciples called to mind that it is written: The **zeal** for your house will eat me up. (**John 2:17**)

## ·· **Avoiding The Damaging Effects**

- Not only does **anger** have an adverse effect upon our spiritual health but it produces profound effects on the physical organism. It can cause rise in blood pressure, arterial changes, respiratory trouble, liver upsets, changes in the secretion of gall, effects on the pancreas. **Anger and rage**, as strong emotions, have been listed by physicians as contributing to, aggravating, or even causing such ailments as asthma, eye afflictions, skin diseases, hives, ulcers, and dental and digestive troubles.
- Rage and fury** can upset thinking processes so that one cannot form logical conclusions or pass sound judgment. The aftermath of a **fit of rage** is often a period of extreme **mental depression**. It is therefore wisdom not only in a religious sense, but in a physical sense to keep **anger under control** and to pursue peace and love.
- He that is **slow to anger** is abundant in discernment, but one that is impatient is exalting foolishness. (**Proverbs 14:29**)
- A calm heart is the life of the fleshly organism, but **jealousy** is rottenness to the bones. (**Proverbs 14:30**)
- So, then, let us pursue the things making for peace and the things that are upbuilding to one another. (**Romans 14:19**)
- But the wisdom from above is first of all chaste, then peaceable, reasonable, ready to obey, full of mercy and good fruits, not making partial distinctions, not hypocritical. (**James 3:17**)
- But let him turn away from what is bad and do what is good, let him seek peace and pursue it. (**1 Peter 3:11**)
- According to the Scriptures, the time of the end is **a time of rage and fury**, with the nations becoming **angry** at Yehowah's taking over his power to reign, and the Devil being hurled to the earth, having **great anger**, knowing he has a short period of time.
- Saying; We thank you, Yehowah God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun ruling as king. (**Revelation 11:17**)
- But the nations became **wrathful**, and your own **wrath** came, and the appointed time for the dead to be judged, and to give their reward to your slaves the prophets and to the holy one's and to

- those fearing your name, the small and the great, and to **bring to ruin those ruining the earth.** (**Revelation 11:18**)
- **And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our God! (**Revelation 12:10**)**
  - **And they conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witnessing, and they did not love their souls even in the face of death. (**Revelation 12:11**)**
  - **On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, **having great anger**, knowing he has a short period of time. (**Revelation 12:12**)**
  - **With such strenuous conditions, the Christian will do well to control his spirit, **avoiding the destructive emotion of anger.****
  - **He that is **slow to anger** is abundant in discernment, but one that is impatient is exalting foolishness. (**Proverbs 14:29**)**
  - **Do not hurry yourself in your spirit to become offended, for the taking of offense is what rests in the bosom of the stupid ones. (**Ecclesiastes 7:9**)**