

Inheriting the Land of Promise
JOSHUA

But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban (*herem*), for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban (*herem*), therefore *the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel.*

Joshua 7:1

They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the *LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger.* Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor to this day.

Joshua 7:26

"God's Righteous Anger"
Communion Meditation

The Anger of the Lord

A. Nature of God's Wrath

➤ Definition: *"His steady, unrelenting, unremitting, uncompromising antagonism to evil in all its forms and manifestations"* (J. Stott)

"His personal divine revulsion to evil and His personal vigorous opposition to it" (L. Morris)

(syn. – *abhor, hate, loathe, indignation*)

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A. Nature of God's Wrath

1.) God's anger is a necessary and inevitable reaction of His holiness to sin/evil

"Your eyes are too pure to approve evil; You cannot look on wickedness with favor"

(Hab. 1:13)

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2.) God's anger is always expressed in His judgment and destruction of sin/evil

"these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." (2 Thess. 1:9)

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A. Nature of God's Wrath

- 3.) God's anger is always righteous – a just recompense for sin

"...it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven...dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." (2 Thess. 1:6-8)

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A. Nature of God's Wrath

- 4.) God's *patience* is the delay of the execution of His holy anger ("slow to anger")

"What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?" (Romans 9:22)

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B. Removal of God's Wrath

- God's anger is turned away ("propitiated") when judgment has been executed and sin/evil is destroyed

What hope is there for sinners?

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

²⁵whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This* was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

²⁶for the demonstration, *I* say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:23-26

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B. Removal of God's Wrath

God, in His love, sent His Son Jesus, who, as our representative substitute, bore the just wrath of God for our sin...whereby God's wrath is removed and sinners are reconciled to God through faith in Jesus