

## **JULY 28, 2024 WORD REVIVAL MEETING**

**Theme:** Understanding God's Emotions

**Topic:** ANGER

**Text:** Genesis 1:26-27

**Rationale:**

The purpose of this study is to understand God's emotion towards pleasing Him since we are created for His pleasure. When we understand what makes God angry, we should avoid them at all costs.

Also, since God Himself gets angry, yet without sinning, we are going to see how to learn from Him so we do not let our anger lead us to sin.

**Question:**

Why do people get angry? It's because God (our Creator, in whose image we are) gets angry. We share God's Image as well as His emotions.

Even if there are doubts about this, a clear look at the life of Jesus (the VISIBLE IMAGE AND EXPRESSION OF AN INVISIBLE GOD - Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3), and the emotions He displayed while on earth (as recorded by eyewitnesses, especially in the Gospels) validates this assertion.

**Study:**

Few Instances of God's Anger:

1. Unrighteousness or sin - Romans 1:18, Psalm 7:11, Numbers 25:3 (idolatry).
2. Magnifying your limitations above God's Providence - Exodus 4:12-14.
3. Complaining in God's Ears - Numbers 11:1.

4. Speaking against God's Anointed Servants - Numbers 12:1-10 (Miriam and Moses), etc.

**Discussion:**

If anger is a secondary emotion, what in God's case qualifies as the primary emotion that always leads to anger? What does He feel first before He becomes angry?

- He feels disregarded, disrespected or despised
- He feels cheated (e.g. unpaid vows (Eccl. 5:4-6) & tithes/offerings (Mal. 3:8-9))
- He feels jealous
- He feels unappreciated (Psalm 28:5)
- He feels forsaken, rejected or abandoned

**What makes anger inevitable?**

Relationships.

God gets angry because He has relationships - with people created in His Image and because of relationship-induced circumstances.

We too (as humans) are going to get angry for the same reason - relationships (with spouses, children, colleagues, pastors, government leaders, relatives, employers, employees, parents, siblings, pets, circumstances, and even God - especially when our expectations are not met).

**Scriptural Prescription for our Anger Management:**

- Be slow to get angry - James 1:19 (like God - Psalm 103:8-9). Calls for Patience.
- Be angry, but do not sin. Do not go to bed angry. ( Ephesians 4:26 KJV, MSG, AMPC, TLB).

Calls for Discipline.

**The Dangers of Going Beyond the Prescribed Anger Dose:**

- You become a fool (with the attending consequences) - Ecclesiastes 7:9 (Psalm 14:1, Ecclesiastes 7:17 - fools die before their time).

- You grant the devil an unrestricted access to your life - Ephesians 4:27 TLB, AMPC.
- You become unrighteous, and as a result qualify for God's own anger - James 1:20, Galatians 5:20, Romans 1:18.

**Prayers:**

"Father, thank you for your Word tonight. I repent of all the unrighteous anger I have ever manifested in my life, please forgive me. From this moment, in agreement with your Word, I choose to be slow to get angry; and even when I eventually get angry, I will not stay angry until it becomes a sin to me. Please grant me the grace to start living this way in the Name of Jesus. Amen."