

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Lord's Anger

Jesus became angry (Mark 3:5). We usually think of anger as a vice and not a virtue, and yet Jesus became angry. We usually regard anger as littleness and not bigness, but Jesus became angry. The angry man is the likely man to sin. Anger is strictly forbidden in God's Word. In Psalm 37:8 the writer says, "***Cease from anger, and forsake wrath.***" The teacher of old said, "***He that is slow to anger appeaseth wrath,***" and we are exhorted, "***Make no friendship with the man that is given to anger.***" In Ecclesiastes 7:9 we read, "***Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.***" Jesus said, "***whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment***" (Matthew 5:22). One of the qualifications of an elder is that he be not soon angry (Titus 1:7).

Why then is anger so severely condemned and yet we read the startling statement that Jesus became angry? There is a difference between the anger manifested by man and that which Jesus possessed. There is a difference between the anger that is condemned by the Holy Spirit and the anger by Jesus our Lord.

The anger that is ours is often produced by a selfish motive. Criticism against others does not make us angry; however, we let out howls of rage when criticism is directed against us. We become indignant when we are not selected as the leader or make the head of a committee. If for some reason we are not invited to the party we feel insulted. Too, if we fail to get the glory or the credit for a deed, we become angry. This indicates that our motive is not proper and right. When Jonah went down to Nineveh and prophesied, "***Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown,***" the people repented and Jonah became angry. He should have rejoiced that they corrected their lives. He really did not care for the people; he cared for himself. He was utterly selfish, and nursing his wounded pride, he went out and sat down under a booth that he had made. In the shade of the booth he nursed his injured pride and was angry because he could not have his way. He was not angry because men were sinful and the heart of man was corrupted.

Such anger as we often have and that which was manifested by Jonah is wrong in its objective. The anger that we have, prompts us to destroy, to hurt, to give pain. Sometimes we are like Samson when we give vent to our feelings. We destroy not only the building we pull down, but ourselves. If we see ourselves slighted, we break off diplomatic relations with the church. We resign the Lord's work; and like the elder brother, we stay out and pout. The elder brother refused to go in and have a part in the feast prepared for his wayward brother. He was trying to hurt someone. He did hurt his father and himself.

Often the type of anger that we manifest is ridiculous and silly. I have seen men who when playing golf become angry and throw away a golf club. I have seen mechanics beat an engine and swear when the engine would not respond as they wanted it to do. Jesus was not angry after any such fashion.

The anger of Jesus was born of love, and not of hate. He became angry with the people because they were unwilling to help a man with a withered hand. Jesus did not become angry when he was mocked, spat upon, and even when he was crucified. His anger had the right objective. He desired to help someone and not to hurt. He opposed the sin of the people who were making laws to govern the Sabbath that God did not make, but he loved the sinner. His

anger was righteous indignation. His condemnation of those people was not born in a fit of madness. His emotion was a holy indignation.

From this we see that any selfish anger must be destroyed. Too, we have an example of righteous anger which needs to be stirred. One of the signs that a church is running down spiritually is the fact that it has lost its power to become indignant about wrongdoing. Some congregations are very indifferent about the work of the Lord. Many members of the church are too indifferent about Sunday evening and Wednesday night and a vast majority of brethren would know nothing at all about it. If Jesus were here, He would do as He did in time of old, ***“when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts.”*** We need the type of anger manifested by our Lord.

—G. K. Wallace

### ***Prayer Request***

**Alex Martinez** was admitted into Medical Center Hospital for a different health issue this time. Alex has to go on dialysis also. His kidney failure is due to the same medication Barbie was taking for diabetes. Please keep both he and Barbie in your prayers.

**LaDonna Chism** was admitted to the ER at Medical Center on Monday, May 24th, for testing and observation. LaDonna was nauseated, dizzy and weak. Her tests showed she had low potassium, sodium and magnesium. But, a high glucose level. LaDonna went home the next day. Please keep her in your prayers that she will get to feeling better.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Catherine Eastwood** is still recovering from foot surgery and having a lot of pain.

### ***Prayer List***

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; K. C. Caulder; LaDonna Chism; Andrew Durfee; Jazmine Duron; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Phil Halbert; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Alex & Barbie Martinez; Ezekiel Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Caimee Mooney; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Gary Schwulst; Bill Tate; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### ***Youth***

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

Paul says we glory in our tribulations because “tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character: (a) joy (b) hope; or (c) peace.” (Romans 5:3,4)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer (Sentence Completion)

“And we know that all things work together for good...To those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

**Events** Watch ***“In Search of the Lord's Way”*** Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

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Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

### **Thank You**

I would like to express my appreciation to Robbie, Holly, Patsy, Devida and Terresia for the wonderful meals you blessed us with. Catherine is sorry she missed you but is both thankful and blessed by your kindness. Thank you, Daniel Eastwood

### Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones

Ouch! That seems painful, but is this a true statement? While sticks and stones may break my bones, words can definitely overpower those sticks and stones. When you stop and think for a minute what impact words have on people you will see that they can do much more harm than any object of pain, when used negatively, of course.

When Jesus was taken before Caiaphas, as He walked the courtyard of the high priest, He had one of His disciples at a distance. When this disciple was confronted about being one of Jesus' followers, he was confronted with a decision he had to make. It's time for Peter to say "I do" or "I don't" (Matthew 26:57-75).

Can you imagine how hard it was to stand there about to be sentenced to death because He claimed to be what He truly was, the Son of God? How hard was it to hear one of His close friends say "I do not know this man!"?

How hard was it for Jesus to hear His people choose Barabbas over the one who would bring salvation to them? Christ went through the "Sticks & Stones" only to hear the crucial words, "Crucify Him!"

Do you think maybe words are more powerful than sticks and stones...I thought you would? I encourage you to remember that what we say may either build people up or destroy them. Be an encourager, not a destroyer.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

—David Rodriguez

### **May 30, 2021**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### **A.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Jaxon Straw  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Oliver Hernandez  
Scot Straw  
Richard Siler

### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Jaxon Straw  
Cody Wesson  
Gary Loving

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Don Easlon

Craig Wesson  
Communion  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 – *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 – *Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444 – *Table:* Craig Wesson 934-4633 – *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 – *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 – *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

**Sunday AM**

*“Leaving a Legacy”*  
*(Philemon 1:23-25)*

**Sunday PM**

*“When Peter Went to Sleep”*  
*(Luke 9:28-36)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class...* 49  
*Morning Worship...*NC  
*Evening Worship...*40  
*Wednesday...*53  
*Contribution...*\$4,531.00