

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" (Jonah 3:4), 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 old time, *“when He had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts”* (Mark 3:5). We need the type of anger manifested by our Lord.

—G. K. Wallace

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Alex Martinez**. Alex passed away on Saturday afternoon, July 30th at Medical Center Hospital due to a heart attack. Alex’s services were still pending at the time of this printing.

Charles Smith, Eugene’s dad, passed away at 10:15 p.m. on August 1st at Medical Center Hospital. Charles was diagnosed with pneumonia and sepsis. His funeral services were conducted on Monday, August 8th at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Keep the Smith family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Bill Wood went for a consultation to have a stent put in his carotid artery. Colleen has requested prayers for him that all will go well.

Glenna Callendar was admitted to the CCU at ORMC on July 27th with heart problems. She was being tested for blood clots and was possibly going to have her heart shocked because her meds wouldn’t bring down her heart rate. Glenna was able to go home last weekend.

Lisa Wells (mother of Josh Wells) was taken to the hospital on Friday, July 29th and kept overnight for observation. All of her test results were good. Lisa has to follow up with her doctor and was discharged to go home on Saturday. Please keep her in your prayers that all is okay.

Iscl and Timothy Herrera (wife and son of Ubaldo) both came down with the Covid virus. Prayers have been requested for all of them.

Concerns Update

John Wood was able to attend services last Sunday. He is doing good. Continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

Philip Garza received good news from his last testing and checkup. He is cancer free.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Kelton Anderson; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Debbie Cox; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Darryl Williamson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Glenda Hillis; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Ronda Lyne; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

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

Youth

Bible Knowledge “Paul Slept Here”

Paul slept in Troas where he left his coat with Carpus. (2 Timothy 4:13)

Events

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

Office News

Our “**Fall Quarter Bible Classes**” will begin Sunday, September 4th. If you are interested in teaching or helping with a class, please sign up on the board in the foyer behind the auditorium.

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for the weeks of 8/7 and 8/14 are: Instant Potatoes, Canned Evaporated Milk, Dried Milk and Canned Fruit.

The Social Gospel

Strictly speaking, the “Social Gospel” was a liberal theological movement whose leaders no longer believed that the purpose of Christianity was to deliver from spiritual death, but rather to elevate and promote social well-being.

In general, the “Social Gospel” describes the philosophy of people whose emphasis is on the ills and needs of this present life, rather than on an eternal reward after this life. It emphasizes the social and physical concerns rather than spiritual.

As a consequence of such emphasis there is a de-emphasis on truth, blood atonement, the covenant, evangelism and the resurrection. Judgment perhaps would not be mentioned at all. Some of their slogans are “It’s better to be righteous than to be right.” The use of “blood” is eliminated. They refer to the resurrection as “pie in the sky, by and by.” they speak of Christians with hope as “other world” minded. They are more interested in relieving financial poverty than spiritual poverty. There were social gospelites in Jesus’ day. After He had fed the 5,000, the same crowd gathered the next morning for “breakfast.” When they located Him in Capernaum across the Sea of Galilee from where He fed them the evening before, He told them that they sought Him “not because ye saw signs, but because ye ate of the loaves and were filled.” Then He gave them what should have been their priority: “Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life” (John 6:27).

The church should be interested in the welfare of mankind and minister help as needed. However, many today, like in Jesus’ day, are only interested in what “social” help they can get from the church. Once they received their hand-out, they have no further interest in the church’s program of saving souls for eternal life. The poor we will have with us always (Mt. 26:11), so opportunity to help them will always be with us. But that the poor have the Gospel preached unto them is the major purpose of the church (Mt. 11:5). Keeping our priorities straight is beneficial both to the church and to mankind.

Harold Kennamer

August 7th, 2022

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Jon Roemisch
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Josh Weakland
Don Easlon
Tommy Garcia

P.M.

Larry May
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Oliver Hernandez
Gary Loving
Caleb York

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading

Oliver Hernandez
Jeff Wesson
Gary Loving
Bill Ryan

Scot Straw
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May —638-3990 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Collections:* Jacob Carson

Sunday AM

“Consequences of Strife”

(Judges 9:1-6)

Sunday PM

“Nature of Faith”

(Hebrews 11:1-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 75

Morning Worship...106

Evening Worship ...64

Wednesday...65

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