

WHY DOES GOD BECOME ANGRY?

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Most people in the world like to think of God as the grandfatherly type that never becomes angry and accepts any and all of the desires of man. The fact of the matter is, God does not fit that description at all. He will not allow His creation to do things that are against His commands and go unpunished for them because He is a just and righteous God, and it goes against His nature to overlook sin (Rev. 15:3).

The Bible student is very aware of all the evidences the inspired writers left for us that prove God does become angry and that He can be full of wrath when He sees the world participating in ungodliness and sin (Ex. 32:10; Lev. 10:1-2; Deut. 9:7; Ezra 5:12; Isa. 9:19; Lam. 2:2). However, it isn't just in the Old Testament that God has made His wrath and anger known to mankind. The Hebrews writer said, "*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Heb. 10:31). The apostle Paul explained in great detail why God becomes angry with man and the results that always follow (Rom. 1:18-23).

Paul said, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). God becomes very angry when His creation rebels and involves themselves in any type of ungodliness or unrighteousness because God cannot tolerate any sin on any level. Isaiah recorded that sin was the very thing that separated God and man (Isa. 59:1-2). Paul recorded that the punishment for sin is death (Rom. 6:23).

Man's rebellion causes God to become angry because He has revealed Himself and His requirements to everyone. Paul wrote, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:19-20). God does not require that mankind automatically knows what His will for them is, and because of that, He has communicated, through the Bible, exactly what He demands from all people. Because of His revelations, they are without excuse. However, man has ignored even the general revelation of His existence. They deny that He is the Creator of the universe and world, acknowledging that all things "just happened" by coincidence. Can any of us even imagine how disrespectful and arrogant that must seem to the Sustainer of all life?

Even though God revealed Himself, man has rejected Him. Again Paul told us, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Rom. 1:21). They refused then, and continue now to refuse, to exalt Him above all others (Phil. 2:9; Acts 4:12). Paul's description is that of every atheist and agnostic that has ever lived in this world, and not only them, but all that have chosen to follow their own paths instead of God's. The false teachers, drunkards, fornicators of all types, and the ungodly in general despise God and His righteousness, which can be seen in their behaviors. The result of their choices is that God has given them over to the impurity of their lustful desires and allows them to wallow in the mire of sin as they await the Day of Judgment, the very day that they deny will ever come!

The responses that God receives from these types of people are astonishing and sad. Paul described them, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things" (Rom. 1:22-23). They do not like what God says, so they create a god that agrees

with them. The sorrowful thing is that any god which is created will pass away with the rest of the world when time comes to an end, whether it is an idol or anything else that comes between one and God (Mt. 24:25).

Those that choose to anger God and bring Him to wrath will hear, “**Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**” (Mt. 25:41). God does become angry and He does so because of the sins of the world and the disobedience of His creation that He loves so dearly. Choose this day to follow His laws and search diligently for what His will is for all of us.