

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Al Corkren

On the Table: Head - Eddie Dickinson
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Greg Lowery
Billy Box

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Leonard Key / David Key

Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

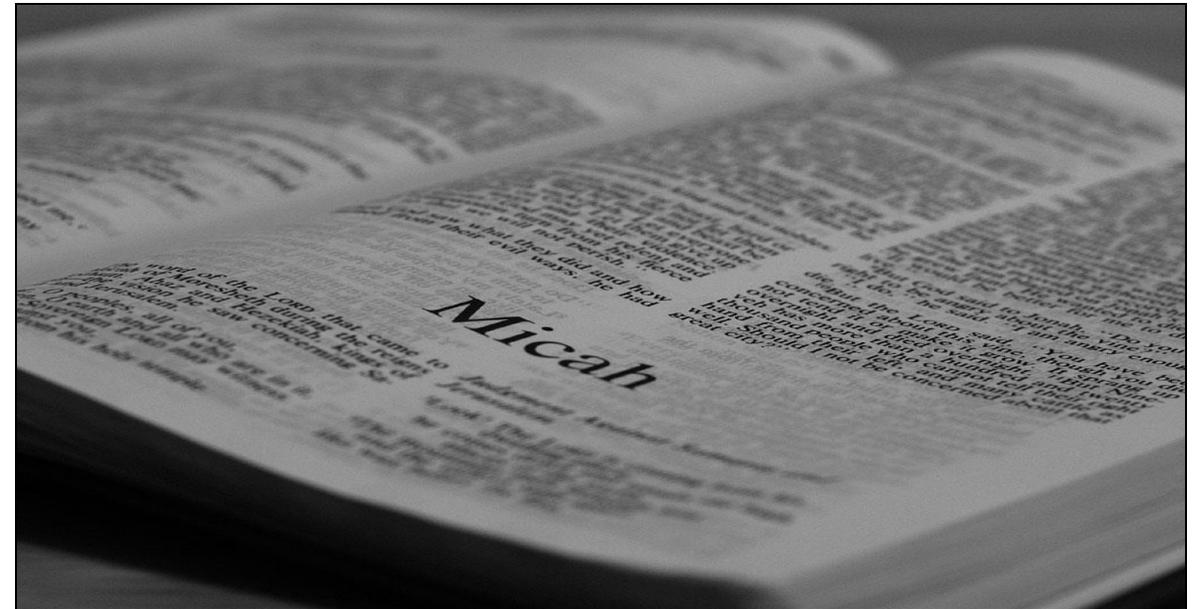
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God's Anger

By Caleb Colley

While it is true that God is loving (Romans 8:39), merciful (Psalm 57:2-3), and willing to offer His grace to all (Titus 2:11), one striking characteristic of the Almighty is His fierce anger. The most common Hebrew term for anger is 'ap, which can be used to denote either divine or human anger (Genesis 27:45; Numbers 11:1, et al.). The term refers to “nostril,” which the ancients thought to be the locale of anger (Harrison, 1979, 1:127), while the word 'anap (which is used exclusively to denote the anger of God; Deuteronomy 4:21, 1 Kings 11:9) means “to breathe hard”. The Bible writers clearly have revealed that God is capable of being angry with a righteous indignation. Consider a sampling of the passages that bear out this idea:

Deuteronomy 29:27-28: “Then the **anger** of the Lord was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book. And the Lord uprooted them from their land in **anger**, in **wrath**, and in **great indignation**, and cast them into another land, as it is this day” (emp. added).

2 Chronicles 29:10: “Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that His **fierce wrath** may turn away from us” (emp. added, cf. 30:8; 32:26).

Nehemiah 9:17: “They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to **anger**, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them” (emp. added, cf. Psalms 103:8; 145:8, et al.).

Hebrews 10:26-27: “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and **fiery indignation** which will devour the adversaries (emp. added).

God's fierce anger is such an essential aspect of His divine nature that Bible writers (and people whose words are recorded in Scripture) sometimes referred to “the wrath,” knowing that readers would understand exactly Whose anger was under consideration.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Lannie & Glenda Key: be praying for both of them during this difficult time

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: hip replacement surgery went well, please be praying for a successful recovery

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

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Sandy Markham: is having a problem with her ankle, please pray that this will get better

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this cancer

Billy Lee {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Danny Berryhill: diagnosed with thickness of the heart, please be praying that doctors can successfully help him with this problem

Bill Berryhill: dealing with cancer, please be pray that his battle with cancer can be controlled and won

Mason Estes: he is need of a liver transplant; please be keeping him and his family in your prayers

Becky Jones: she has been diagnosed with renal failure; please be keeping her in your prayers

Frank Farris: is dealing with some health problems, please pray that he gets better

Judy Barker (David Barker’s Mother): she had been diagnosed with bone and lung cancer; please keep her and her family in your prayers

Ricky Caudle: he has cancerous tumors on his kidney, liver, and lung; he has been placed under hospice care, please pray for him and his family

Consider the words John the Baptizer spoke to the Pharisees and Sadducees: “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Matthew 3:7; cf. Numbers 1:53; Joshua 22:20). In John 2:14-17, we read of Jesus’ righteous indignation at those who turned God’s house into a “house of merchandise.” Christ certainly knew how to utilize anger properly, thereby giving us an example of how one’s temper can be used to the glory of God (see Butt, 2001). Paul instructed the Ephesian Christians: “Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath” (Ephesians 4:26). Anger has its place. It can be greatly beneficial, and God is our perfect example in this area. What is it about the anger of Christ that makes it righteous?

Observe that, unlike many humans, God does not become angry because of the “heat of the moment” or because He possesses a confusing, constantly fluctuating emotionality. On the contrary, God’s anger is rationally retributive. His anger is His direct, calculated response to sin. Nowhere is His anger observed more clearly than in the pages of the Old Testament, where we read often of God exhibiting His anger at the children of Israel in a very demonstrative and graphic manner. Remember, however, that God never became angry at the children of Israel unless they breached their covenant with Him; if God was angry, it was Israel’s fault (see Deuteronomy 11:17; 29:24-28; Ezra 8:22; Nehemiah 13:18, et al.).

The psalmist wrote that God is “angry with the wicked every day” (7:11). F.K. Farr stated regarding the English word “anger”: “As...denoting God’s ‘anger,’ the English word is unfortunate so far as it may seem to imply selfish, malicious or vindictive personal feeling. The anger of God is the response of His holiness to outbreaking sin. Particularly when it culminates in action is it rightly called His ‘wrath’” (1956, p. 135).

The redemptive work of Christ on the cross does not indicate that God relinquished His wrath in New Testament times. On the Day of Judgment, His wrath will be exercised against the unrighteous. Paul said: “...He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:31). We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10), and if we are saved, our salvation through Christ will be salvation from God’s wrath (Romans 5:9).

In a sense, the wrath of God already rests upon impenitent humans, because they have rejected the only means of salvation available to them. John the Baptizer said: "...he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36). Paul wrote: "...forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost" (1 Thessalonians 2:16; see Simpson, 1988, p. 1135).

How wonderful it is to serve a God Who understands all of our emotions perfectly, to learn from His wisdom, to hold dear His utter hatred of evil, and to obey His command to be cautious in how we act upon our anger (Ephesians 4:26-31; James 1:19).

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Before You Speak

By Chad Ezelle

"The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips" (Proverbs 16:23 NKJV). Are you good at choosing your words wisely? Or, are you, like me, on the other end of the spectrum? When people hear your words, are they usually encouraged and built up by what you've said? Or, do you tend to tear people down with what comes from your mouth? I'm sure you don't plan for your words to be received that way (I hope not!), but looking back, does it happen often? Today, will you promise to think about your words carefully? Will you be honest and wise as you speak? Will you try to build people up instead of wearing them down?

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But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37

The Universe: Faith Makes All the Difference!

By Kevin Cauley

Gavin came home and wanted to watch a video on YouTube—Us In Relationship to the Universe. Basically, this video began with showing us the size of a small moon in our solar system and worked its way up through all the planets, the sun, several other stars in our galaxy, and finally the universe. By the time one is finished watching the video, one gets the impression of earth being nothing more than a speck in the grand scheme of things. Are human beings even less than a speck and insignificant in the cosmos? This is exactly what atheistic evolutionists want us to believe. Their philosophy of the absolute materiality of everything implies that human beings are next to nothing. This is a leading cause of the hopelessness and despair that many experience in the world today.

The Psalmist once wrote, "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" (Psalm 8:3-4). The Psalmist also had the feeling that he was little in comparison to the Universe, but notice what faith in God prompted him to believe in the next verses. He goes on to say: "Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet (Psalm 8:5-6). In contrast to the philosophy of atheism, the Bible teaches that human beings are the pinnacle of God's creation and central to His creative work. That is a philosophy of hope, meaning, power, and value; and it all starts with faith in God! What a difference that makes!

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