

## Wrath – Pt 1 The wrath of man

This is a new study from the scriptures on wrath. And in this first teaching we search the scripture for what they say on the wrath of man. Firstly we establish the meaning and then we cover three points – (1) a fool's wrath is sin, 2) the wrath of man shall praise God, (3) the wrath of the Pharisees was against the Son of God.

Meaning of the word “wrath” from the scriptures–

Wrath is to be angry– 2 Kgs 23: 26– “Notwithstanding the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah...”

To be angry is to have fury– Ez.16:42– “So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I...will be no more angry”.

To be angry is to be in great indignation – Deut.29: 28– “And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day”.

### 1. A fool's wrath is sin

A furious man abounds in transgression – Prov.29: 22– “An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression”.

### 2. The wrath of man shall praise God

“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain” (Ps.76: 10).

### 3. The wrath of the Pharisees was against the Son of God

\* because He made a man whole on the Sabbath day

“If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?” (Jn.7: 23).

#### Illustration

When I stand on the street and argue with a heretic I get angry and raise my voice in an effort to win the argument. But the only winner is our adversary. There has been times where the Holy Spirit has stopped me and I have asked questions. The result– my anger dissipates and they are challenged to search the scriptures for the answer.

#### Questions of the scriptures

- I) Why are fathers not to provoke their children to wrath?
- II) Why would God the Father provoke His children– Israel to anger, to wrath?
- III) Why are we today, permitted to be angry?

#### Answers from the scriptures

- i) Fathers– provoke not your children to anger “lest they be discouraged” (Col 3: 21).
- ii) God purposed to “provoke them to anger with a foolish nation” (Deut.32: 21), “for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith” (verse 20). See also Rom.10: 19.
- iii) Turning to the Lord Jesus as our example– He was wrath with the Pharisees because of the hardness of their heart (Mk.3: 5), I suggest that we are permitted to be angry when a non believer has a hardness of heart– but “sin not” (Eph.4: 26).

Remember– Let “every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (Jam1:19).