

(Clip) Can a Believer Get Angry

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Zac Poonen explores the nature of anger in believers, emphasizing the importance of righteous anger and the example set by Jesus.

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Scripture: John 8:1-11, Romans 6:14, Ephesians 4:26

Topics: "Righteous Anger", "Overcoming Sin"

Description

This sermon delves into the profound truths found in Scripture, emphasizing the importance of accepting God's revelations and understanding the truths about overcoming sin. It highlights the necessity of having a passionate desire to be saved from sin to avoid deception and explores the example of Jesus in handling anger, distinguishing righteous anger from sinful anger.

Transcript

What I saw in scripture, it's absolutely amazing. There are many things which you miss in scripture if God sees that he shows you something in scripture, and you don't accept it. Subsequently God showed me the truths about overcoming sin.

Romans 6 14 was in my Bible from 1959, but I never understood it till 1975 or 76. Many many other things like that. Love the truth.

The second thing mentioned in 2nd Thessalonians 2 is to be saved. So I must love the truth which relates to my personal life and to the Word of God. And secondly, I must have a desire to be saved from sin.

If I don't have a passionate desire to be saved from sin, I will be deceived. And when I look around at the Christians who I believe are deceived, the preachers who I believe are deceived, preaching a wrong gospel of prosperity and healing, I can see one thing common about all of them. They don't have a passionate desire to be saved from all anger.

No, they don't want to come to a life where they never get angry. They don't believe it's possible. They teach what the psychologists say, that anger has got some good functions and things like that.

I'll tell you something about anger if you want to know. To me, Jesus is the perfect example. He is the Word made flesh.

So if you can't understand the Word written down in the Bible, compare it to the Word made flesh and you will see. I see what in Jesus' life about anger. Whenever people did anything against Him personally, He never got angry.

You could spit on Him. You could call Him the devil. You could say what you like.

You're an illegitimate. You know, they even called Him an illegitimate child. You know that verse in the Bible, it says, we were not born of fornication, in brackets, like you.

Have you seen that verse? Yeah, they said all types of things against Him. He never got offended, never got angry. So I learned one thing, any anger because if I get hurt, somebody said something against me or did something against me or did not do something which I expected them to do is sin.

But I see Jesus getting angry when He saw people making money in the name of religion. Oh, how angry God, He made a whip and chased them out. Another time He sees the Pharisees not allowing a man with a withered hand to be healed.

It says in Mark chapter 3, He was angry. When I see people exploiting others and not allowing them to come to the liberty in Christ, I must get angry. So I learned two things about anger from Jesus.

One, if people make money in the name of religion and Christianity, I must get really angry with them. If I don't get angry and I can sit and watch that television program where people are, some preacher is swindling poor people of money, I'm not Christ-like. I must get angry when I see it and I must expose it.

And secondly, if I see people not allowing others to be liberated like the Jesus saw the Pharisees, not allowing this withered man with a withered hand to be healed, I must be angry with such leaders. I never see Jesus angry with adulteresses or the five times divorced Samaritan woman or the murderer on the cross. Never angry with people who have fallen to sin.

Always compassionate, seeking to lift them up. Angry with religious hypocrites who were trying to swindle poor people of their money in the name of God or who were not allowing people to be liberated. So that's as far as anger goes.

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