

**Wrath (Anger):
The Emotional
Work of the Flesh**


Scripture Reading:
Colossians 3:1-14

INTRODUCTION

- ➔ **The basis for hatred (open display of hostile dislike) is affected by another work of the flesh called “wrath” or “anger”**

Distinguishing Two Similar Terms

- ▶ **Wrath** **thu-mos** θυμός
 - ▶ an inner burning of one's temper; can lead to outburst
 - ▶ "wrath" KJV, Vine's Expository Dictionary (the interlinear use the word "ANGER")
- ▶ **Anger** **or-gay** οργή
 - ▶ the outward display of the inner passion, or burning
 - ▶ "anger" KJV, Vine's Expository Dictionary (the interlinear use the word "WRATH")
- ▶ The two terms are most often translated 'wrath' in the KJV
- ▶ They occur together 6x in NT
- ▶ θυμός' **thu-mos** is a work of the flesh



The Display of Wrath

The wrath of fallen man

- Herod- Matt 2:16
- The Jews toward Jesus – Lk 4:28
- The Ephesians toward Paul - Acts 19:28

The wrath of Satan

- Rev 12:12

The wrath of God

- Rom 2:7-8; Rev 15:1, 16:1, 19:15
- Cf Col 3:5-6, Eph 5:6

Jesus' use of Anger

- Mk 3:5

The Use of Wrath by NT Believer

- ▶ Let Scripture control use of wrath and anger
 - ▶ Eph 4:26
 - ▶ “Be angry...” about Scripturally appropriate things (false teaching, heresies, etc)
 - ▶ ...and sin not” place the unrighteous situation/thing in the Lord’s hands by the end of the day (cf I Tim 2:8)
 - ▶ James 1:19:20
 - ▶ “Be slow to anger...”; man’s anger does not work out God’s righteousness
 - ▶ Titus 1:7
 - ▶ An overseer (bishop) is not to be prone to anger
 - ▶ Col 3:5-8
 - ▶ “Put to death... (put off) anger and wrath”

CONCLUSION

- **Direct wrath and anger**
 - **Righteously**
 - **Sparingly**
 - **Temporarily**
 - **While knowing only God can and will use wrath and anger fully, correctly and in a timely manner**
 - **Rom 12:19 “...I will repay, saith the Lord.”**