



WRATH: WHEN SELF BOILS OVER

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GOD'S WRATH VS. OUR WRATH

God's wrath is perfect, holy, and loving. But it is only reserved for God. Human wrath is a deadly sin. Why? It is based on self-righteousness, judgment, entitlement, and vengeance.

Colossians 3:8 ESV

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

James 1:19-20 ESV

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires.

ISN'T HUMAN ANGER SOMETIMES JUSTIFIED? Yes.

Ephesians 4:26 ESV

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

Where does wrath come from? (Jared Wilson, Midwestern Sem.)

1. Wrath springs from hurt.
2. Wrath feeds from entitlement.
3. Wrath is a product of self-idolatry.

Two Truths about Anger:

1. Anger is learned.
2. Anger can be controlled.

Many say, "You make me mad!" Nothing can make you get angry. Admit: "I'm responsible for my anger."

The Kindness Challenge: 30 Days to Improve Any Relationship by Shaunti Feldhahn

Romans 12:17-21 NIV

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BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF WRATH

Examples of God's wrath:

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Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked,

Colossians 3:5-7

when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.

Colossians 3:7-9

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James 1:19-20

For we know him who said,
"Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And
again, "The Lord will judge his people."
It is a fearful thing to fall into the
hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:30-31

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Diagnosing a Problem with Wrath

The Kindness Challenge

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:17-18

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:19

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:20-21

“Be still.”