

# "The Anger and Hate of God"

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## Exodus 4:14

So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

### What happened to arouse God's Anger?

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## Numbers 11:1-9

Now *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard *it*, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed *some* in the outskirts of the camp. <sup>2</sup> Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. <sup>3</sup> So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them. <sup>4</sup> Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?" <sup>5</sup> We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup> but now our whole being *is* dried up; *there is* nothing at all except this manna *before* our eyes!" <sup>7</sup> Now the manna *was* like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. <sup>8</sup> The people went about and gathered *it*, ground *it* on millstones or beat *it* in the mortar, cooked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. <sup>9</sup> And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it..

### What were the people complaining about?

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## Numbers 11:10-15

Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. <sup>11</sup> So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?" <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup> I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden *is* too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!

### Why were the people crying?

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## Numbers 12:8-10

I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?" <sup>9</sup> So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed. <sup>10</sup> And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam *became* leprous, as *white as* snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.

### What was the result of God's anger?

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### **Numbers 22:22(22:5-40)**

Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of the LORD took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants *were* with him.

#### **What made God angry?**

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### **Numbers 25:1-5**

So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

#### **How could God's anger be turned away?**

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### **Numbers 32:1-15**

So the LORD's anger was aroused on that day, and He swore an oath, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me,

#### **What did God decide to do?**

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### **Numbers 32:13-14**

So the LORD's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone. And look! You have risen in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the LORD against Israel.

#### **Why was God angry with Israel?**

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### **Deuteronomy 4:21**

Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

#### **Why could Moses not enter the promised land?**

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### **Deuteronomy 7:4**

For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

#### **How quickly would God react?**

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### **Deuteronomy 9:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> "Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. <sup>8</sup> Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry *enough* with you to have destroyed you.

#### **What was Moses reminder to Aaron?**

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### **Deuteronomy 9:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> "So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands. <sup>16</sup> And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God—had made for yourselves a molded calf! You had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you. <sup>17</sup> Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes. <sup>18</sup> And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly

in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. <sup>19</sup> For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was angry with you, to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me at that time also. <sup>20</sup> And the LORD was very angry with Aaron *and* would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.

### **What aroused God's anger?**

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#### **Deuteronomy 11:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> For the land which you go to possess *is* not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* by foot, as a vegetable garden;

<sup>11</sup> but the land which you cross over to possess *is* a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, <sup>12</sup> a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God *are* always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

<sup>13</sup> ‘And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup> then I<sup>[a]</sup> will give *you* the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. <sup>15</sup> And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.’ <sup>16</sup> ‘Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, <sup>17</sup> lest the LORD’s anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

### **Arousing God's Anger leads to what?**

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#### **Joshua 7:1**

But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

### **What lead to God's anger?**

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#### **Judges 2:14**

And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

### **What did God allow the people's enemies to do?**

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#### **I Kings 8:46**

When they sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;

### **What happened here?**

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#### **I Kings 11:9**

So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

### **Why was God angry with Solomon?**

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## II Kings 17:18-23

Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone. <sup>19</sup> Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. <sup>20</sup> And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight. <sup>21</sup> For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them commit a great sin. <sup>22</sup> For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them, <sup>23</sup> until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, *as it is* to this day.

**What was the result of God's anger?**

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## II Chronicles 6:36

“When they sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near;

**What did God's anger lead to?**

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## Psalms 79:1-13

O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.<sup>2</sup> The dead bodies of Your servants They have given *as* food for the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth. <sup>3</sup> Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem, And *there was* no one to bury *them*. <sup>4</sup> We have become a

reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and derision to those who are around us. <sup>5</sup> How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

<sup>6</sup> Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name. <sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his dwelling place. <sup>8</sup> Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low. <sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake! <sup>10</sup> Why should the nations say, “Where *is* their God?” Let there be known among the nations in our sight The avenging of the blood of Your servants *which has been* shed. <sup>11</sup> Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your power Preserve those who are appointed to die; <sup>12</sup> And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom Their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord. <sup>13</sup> So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

**Explain the plea to God?**

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## Psalms 85:2-8

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah <sup>3</sup> You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. <sup>4</sup> Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. <sup>5</sup> Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? <sup>6</sup> Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? <sup>7</sup> Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

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<sup>8</sup> I will hear what God the LORD will speak,  
For He will speak peace To His people and  
to His saints; But let them not turn back to  
folly.

**What is this prayer dealing with?**

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## **Nahum 1:3**

The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in  
power, And will not at all acquit *the*  
*wicked*. The LORD has His way in the  
whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds  
*are* the dust of His feet.

**Define slow to anger?**

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## **Zephaniah 2:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Gather yourselves together, yes, gather  
together, O undesirable nation, <sup>2</sup> Before the  
decree is issued, *or* the day passes like chaff,  
Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon  
you, before the day of the **LORD's** anger  
comes upon you! <sup>3</sup> Seek the LORD, all you  
meek of the earth, who have upheld His  
justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility.

It may be that you will be hidden in the day  
of the LORD's anger.

**How does one avoid God's Anger?**

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## **Leviticus 20:13**

If a man lies with a male as he lies with a  
woman, both of them have committed an  
abomination. They shall surely be put to  
death. Their blood shall be upon them.

**What is an abomination to God?**

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## **Exodus 34:6-7**

The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate  
and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding  
in loving kindness and truth; who keeps  
loving kindness for thousands, who forgives  
iniquity, transgression and sin.

**God abounds in what?**

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## **Deuteronomy 7:25**

You shall burn the carved images of their  
gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver  
or gold that is on them, nor take it for  
yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is  
an abomination to the LORD your God.

**What are they to not do?**

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## **Deuteronomy 12:31**

You shall not worship the LORD your God  
in that way; for every abomination to the  
LORD which He hates they have done to  
their gods; for they burn even their sons and  
daughters in the fire to their gods.

**What had the sons of Jacob done?**

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## **Deuteronomy 16:18-22**

<sup>18</sup> "You shall appoint judges and officers in  
all your gates, which the LORD your God  
gives you, according to your tribes, and they  
shall judge the people with just judgment.

<sup>19</sup> You shall not pervert justice; you shall not  
show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe  
blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the  
words of the righteous. <sup>20</sup> You shall follow  
what is altogether just, that you may live and  
inherit the land which the LORD your God is  
giving you.

<sup>21</sup> "You shall not plant for yourself any tree,  
as a wooden image, near the altar which you  
build for yourself to the LORD your God.

<sup>22</sup> You shall not set up a *sacred* pillar, which  
the LORD your God hates.

**What is the issue here?**

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**Deuteronomy 17:1**

“You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish or defect, for that is an abomination to the LORD your God.

**What is expected in a sacrifice?**

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**Deuteronomy 22:5**

“A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God.

**What is an abomination to God?**

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**Psalms 5:5**

The boastful shall not stand in Your sight: You hate all workers of iniquity.

**What else does God hate?**

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**Psalms 11:5**

The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

**What about wickedness and violence?**

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**Proverbs 6:16-19**

<sup>16</sup> **These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:**

What are the seven things God hates

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**Proverbs 8:13**

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate.

**What does God especially hate and why?**

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**Proverbs 11:1**

Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

**What is the admonition about a merchant?**

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**Proverbs 11:20**

Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.

**What is the opposite of being blameless?**

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**Proverbs 12:22**

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

**What is an abomination to God?**

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**Proverbs 15:9**

The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.

**What does God love?**

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**Isaiah 61:8**

“For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them an everlasting covenant.

**In contrast to loving justice, what does God hate?**

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**Amos 6:7-8**

Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed. <sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself, the LORD God of hosts says: “I abhor the pride of Jacob, and hate his palaces; Therefore I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.”

**What did God hate?**

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### **Zechariah 8:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> These *are* the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace; <sup>17</sup> Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these *are things* that I hate,' Says the LORD.'"

**What does God hate?**

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### **Malachi 2:16**

"For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

**Why does God hate divorce?**

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### **Revelation 2:6**

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

**What kind of deeds may have been exhibited?**

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### **Revelation 2:15**

Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

**What is it about the Nicolaitans that was hated?**

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