

CouplesInBloom.com – Angry At Your Spouse?

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Are you **angry at your spouse**? Angry to the point of doing something about it? As Christians, we do not want to sin... including in our anger (which in itself is not sin) ⇒ Ephesians 4:26. Sin gets God angry ⇒ Psalm 38, and it can anger us, too, as we are made after God's likeness ⇒ Genesis 1:26; 9:6. God has become **very angry** at times yet never sinned; what does God want us to do when we are **very, very angry at our spouse??**

The Bible says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And God repented that He had made man on the earth, and He was **angry to** (not in) **His heart**. And God said, **I will destroy man** whom I have created, from the face of the earth, both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air. For I repent that I have made them." ⇒ Genesis 6:5-7. God feels like destroying when angry, too; it's not just us.

What did God actually do? God acted very strongly on His anger... the right way. Specifically, God focused His anger at the problem: sinners sinning. God did not broadly react by combining incidental sinners with intentional sinners. Here's how: He made a **covenant: to never do to incidental sinners what He did to intentional sinners** ⇒ Genesis 6:8-8:21; Hebrews 13:5. The difference between God's responses is the pattern **God requires Christians to use in their life** ⇒ 1 Corinthians 10:11. Learn it right now:

Sinners who sin but *don't want to* ⇒ Romans 7:14-25 are *the object of God's love!* ⇒ Romans 5:8. God understands this kind of sinner needs help, not judgment. Sinners who want to sin more than they want intimacy with God make themselves the object of God's judgment. This spiritual intimacy with God is how God requires our own marriages work. We are hypocrites if our love and our anger do not follow God's love and anger for us ⇒ Matthew 18:21-35 (look up this Scripture in your Bible now before finishing this article).

Failure to act this way towards our **spouse's** sin shows **our** sin against **our** spouse. Christian or not, our humanness has the capacity for such blind yet arrogant perversion. Likewise, acting God's way when **angry at our spouse** actually prompts resolution to the very sin problem at hand... just like God's handling of our own sin. *WHAT A CONCEPT* – hey, what do you know: God's ways actually work... in marriage, too! This is the good news from God to us, the Gospel; and this is also what Couples In Bloom is all about.

It is time to put your marriage in this spotlight of God's anger management. Find out what His Holy Spirit reveals... darkness, ugliness, and every iota of sin. Openly admit and renounce all the uncleanness you can find; you will need to do this again along life's way. Do not indict yourself into the hell-bound religiosity of not matching your own intimacy to God's ⇒ Matthew 7:21-23. Yes, this can happen to you; fix it now!

Anger has a purpose, and so does the enemy of your soul. Satan will slowly prepare you over many, many years to suddenly destroy you, and anger is an easy tool for him to use against you – unless you stop him now ⇒ Ephesians 6:11. 1 John 3:10 ⇒ "In this the children of God are revealed, and the **children of the Devil: everyone not practicing righteousness is not of God, also he who does not love his brother** (your spouse!)". ♥ ♥