

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 7

Knowing God Series #4

Psalter Singing:

308:1-3 – 280:1-4 – 208:1-4 – 3:2, 4

*Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him. (Ps. 2:11-12)*

A. The directions in vs. 11 have all to do with *knowing God in all His glory*

B. The words in vs. 12 are more a plea than a warning

C. Yet do not make the wrong conclusions of this Scripture

1. God is *not an angry God (with Christ hidden behind Him)*

a. compare Genesis 3 and Exodus 34:6-7 in *its context!*

2. Yet God's glory is also Ps. 7:11

He judgeth righteously and is angry with the wicked every day

D. Let the truths we have reviewed not be *dry doctrine truths for information*

GOD'S DISPLEASURE OR ANGER AT OUR SIN (1)

I. What is His displeasure? II. What stirs His displeasure? III. How does He reveals His displeasure? IV. How are we to live on this truth?

I. What is His displeasure?

A. God's *displeasure (or wrath, anger, fury, hatred)* describes *his holiness and justice stirred to action against sin*

1. This aspect of character of God is also doxology (Rev. 19:1-3) yet it rarely exists as praise-worthy in personal or public worship

a. this a lamentable defect in many profession Christians (Pink)

- why would we hide what God reveals clearly about Himself?

b. the absence of holy anger stirred in wholesome and constructive action is one of greatest failures of Christianity

- Prov 4:18

- Micah 6:1-8

c. Is not our first and grand mission of our existence *to reflect God?*

B. God's anger needs *careful and Biblical definition* to safeguard it

1. Do not think about God's anger *by how we think, see, feel or act anger*

a. God uses accommodating language to relate to us

b. God's anger is not a feeling but an *act of His will in reaction to evil*

- Charnock: *God's anger is His holiness stirred into action*

c. Glory of God's anger in Ps. 103:8-9 *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide, neither will He keep His anger forever*

2. God's anger is an eternal attribute: *I am the LORD: I change not* (Ma. 3:6)

a. the cross of Christ did not cancel or alter God's wrath

REFLECTIONS ...

A. Do you think as most of the Christians about God's character?

B. Do you, who are born again, aim to reflect God's *holy anger* sufficiently?