

James 1:19-20

WINDOWS INTO SANCTIFICATION:

BE ANGRY WITH GOD—NOT AT HIM!

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EMBRACE GOD'S ANGER SO YOU CAN CRAVE HIS MERCY AND PASS IT ON.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

ONE: **No human anger can have the warrant that our failure to listen grants to our God.** *Let every person be quick to hear...*

Foundational (biblical truth/events/actions): God's person and purpose warrants our listening, and therefore leads us to honor those made in his image by hearing them.

TWO: **Human anger too often flows from pre-judgments that move us to speak before we listen and blind our heart's need to respond to others as God has to us.**

let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath/anger

Growing (personal heart commitments, experiences, relationships): He who is forgiven much, loves much. Love covers a multitude of sins. A soft answer turns away wrath.

THREE: **Hear the cries of your neighbors as God heard and came down, for Jesus alone can and will establish righteousness and justice.**

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Visible Engagement (obedience, righteousness-justice): Be angry along with God at your own sin, so your eyes are clear to speak and act with grace and tears as you engage the world in its sin.

Questions for thought/discussion/prayer?

1. What tends to make you most angry?
2. When you are angry what kind of goals have you set that are being hindered?
3. Interact with this paraphrase of Larry Crabb: *Don't make goals of things you cannot control. Set as goals only those things that you can control that may only be steps towards the possibilities you desire and pray for.*
4. How does James 1:19-20 reflect God's readiness to hear his peoples cries, his forbearance in bringing final judgment and his not responding to man's wrathful tongue in kind? (See Exodus 3.7-8)
5. Psalm 2 foreshadows the gospel in rich ways include the need to embrace God's son or bear his wrath.. Consider John 14:8-9 which is one of many passages which show that now that grace has been fully offered the crucial sin is unbelief in God's mercy in Christ. See also John 6:28-29.
6. How does our obeying James 1:19-20 help people see the good news of the gospel in us?