

Anger – Righteous or Unrighteous

Both versions are in the world today, and both, or either, can be a part of our daily living cycle.

Consider the time, possibly within the past few weeks, that you have just seen the ideal parking place you want, just to be cut off by another driver as you get there.

Anger within you quickly surges to the fore. It is an unrighteous anger, and the progenitor of that style of anger always knows which button to push to 'make the sparks fly'.

What are you left with? The problem of finding another parking space!

Jesus, our Lord and Big Brother also became angry with the way the Temple leaders were using His Father's House, "...The zeal [anger] of thine house hath eaten me up", John 2:17.

Fulfilling the prophetic word, "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me", Psalm 69:9.

True Christians, if they see a fellow Christian Brother being abused, or held in bondage, will also experience the same style of anger that Jesus displayed in the Temple.

It is a righteous anger, and the progenitor of that style of anger always knows which button to push to 'make your relationship with Him obvious'. What are you left with? Peace!

The Apostle Paul gives the core of the matter here to us in his letter to the Ephesian Church, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Neither give place to the devil", Ephesians 4:26–27.

An event has caused anger – righteous or unrighteous – in our normal everyday life, yet, because it displeases us, it is powerful enough to arouse our emotions.

Often in the Old Testament it is recorded that God became angry with the Israelite Nation because of their persistent sinning.

Yet it is never recorded that God sought revenge. God imposed a punishment that was designed to encourage the people to accept His Ways and His Laws.

With man, he is generally prepared to let his anger 'smolder' whilst he works out a strategy for revenge.

Many people, in an attempt to defend their 'anger outburst' will say, "Once I've exploded it's all finished".

Once you have pulled the trigger on a gun, it is nearly always finished for the other party.

To just 'explode', is like pulling the trigger once, and not killing the person, but often the scars remain for a long time.

Solomon, to whom God had given much wisdom, wrote, "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger", Proverbs 15:1.