

Then
the LORD said,
“Is it right for
you to be
angry?”

Jonah 4:4

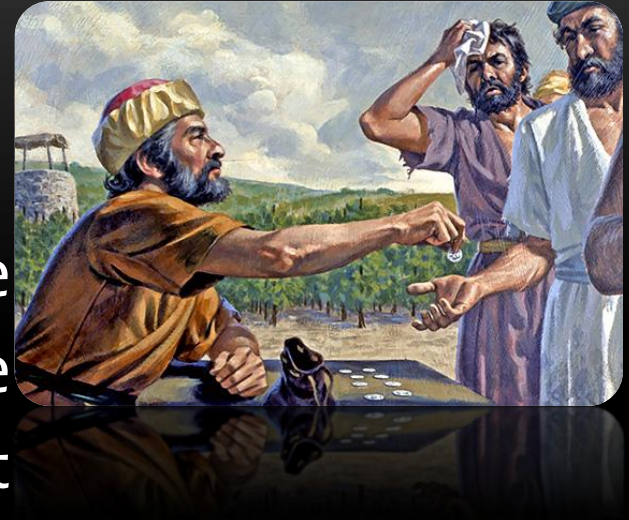


**Why do
people get
angry with
God?**



1. “Rights” issues ⁽¹⁾

This was the issue between the laborers of the first hour and the landowner: “But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner” *Mat 20:10-11*



1. “Rights” issues ⁽²⁾

It is the same issue that the older son used to justify his anger:

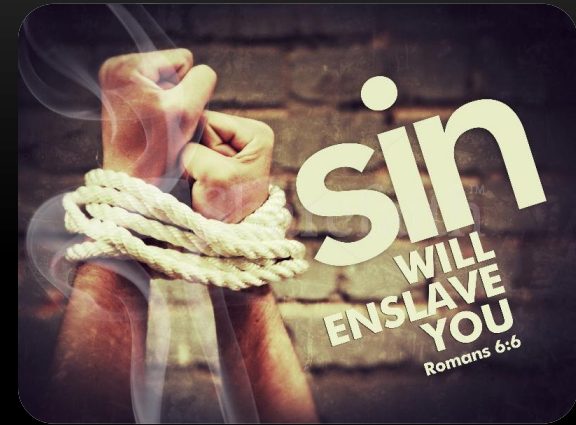
“I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends” *Luke 15:29*



1. “Rights” issues ⁽³⁾

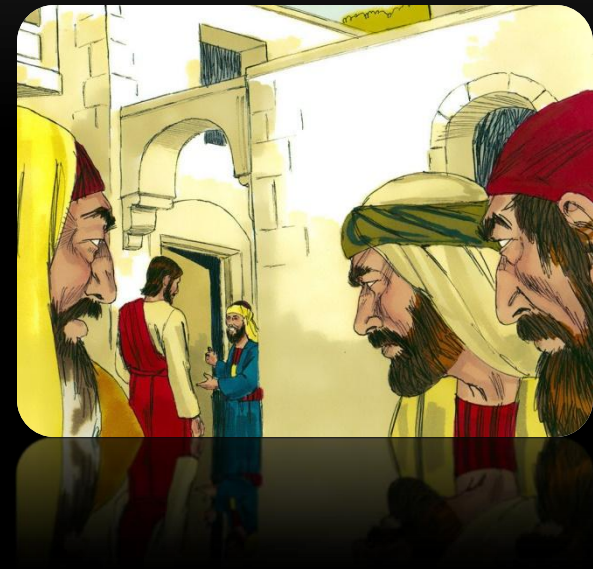
Demanding the rights of the sons while living as a slave:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever” *John 8:34-35*



2. “Lack of Love” issues ⁽¹⁾

This is what made the crowd murmur against the Lord when He visited Zacchaeus: “But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” *Luke 19:7*



2. “Lack of Love” issues (2)

This is the actual reason behind Judas Iscariot’s indignation: “But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” *John 12:4-5*

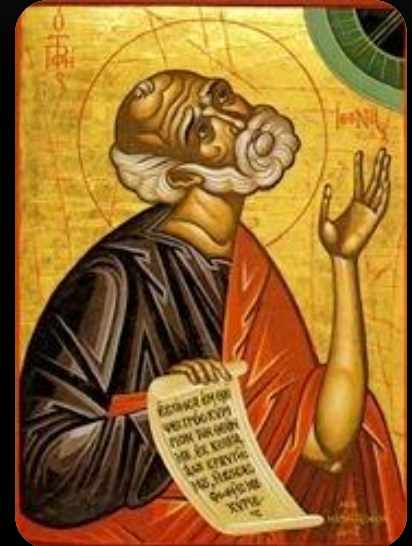


2. “Lack of Love” issues ⁽³⁾

It is the reason that made Jonah to be upset:

“And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons”

Jonah 4:11



3. “Foolishness” issues ⁽¹⁾

- “The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD”

Proverbs 19:3

- Blaming God for our choices and their consequences!

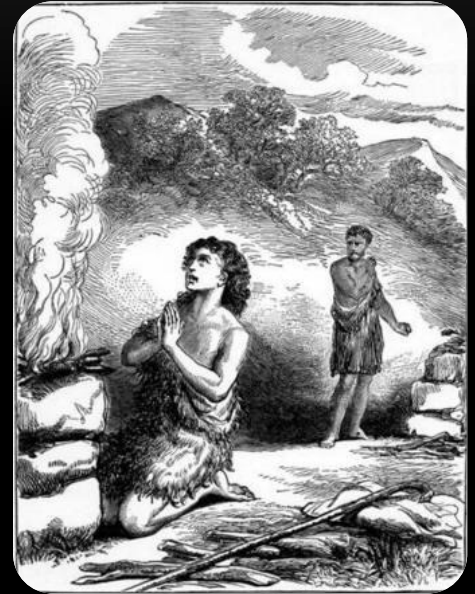


3. “Foolishness” issues ⁽²⁾

Cain’s issue with God’s rejection of his offering:

“So the LORD said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted?’”

Genesis 4:6-7



4. “Lack of understanding” issues ⁽¹⁾

- Stumbling at the Lord’s wisdom provokes some, who lack understanding and humility, to anger
- The Pharisees’ wrath against the Lord when He healed on the Sabbath



4. “Lack of understanding” issues (2)

“Oh, the depth of the riches
both of the wisdom and
knowledge of God! How
unsearchable *are* His judgments
and His ways past finding out!”

Romans 11:33



**What
should I do
if I am
angry with
God?**



1. Not understanding God's judgements is a call for prayer and asking of Him to reveal His will and submitting to Him in faith so as not to contend with the Lord



2. Expectations from God should be checked if they are realistic and Biblical
3. Waiting for Him to respond
4. Submitting while trusting
5. Never to lose reverence



6. Remembering that we are the creation and He is the Creator.
7. We are the servants and He is the Master. His will is the ultimate wisdom and goodness

