

## Jesus Angry—Jesus flipping Tables and whipping

A young man once asked me, "If God is as good as you say, why did He throw out the money changers' belongings, whipping and flipping tables?"

Many people fail to distinguish between what is right and what they perceive to be good. What is right is always good, even if it doesn't appear that way at first glance.

Speaking of the goodness of God, some wonder why Jesus went into the temple and overturned the money changers' tables. They might think, "This doesn't seem good." But they're mistaken.

Similarly, when a parent does the right thing for their child, the child's perception of whether it's good or nice doesn't change the fact that it is, indeed, good for them.

**Main Text:** John 2:13-17 13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. 17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

- a) This event in John 2 happened at the start of Jesus' ministry. Before you throw rocks (stones) at Jesus, what is the temple for? Is it for transactions, business, selling and cheating people? Looks, right? Wrong!

These people were selling, Oxen, sheep, doves which people used for sacrifices. Additionally, they were money changers doing the same in the temple.

- b) "And when he had made a scourge of small cords"

Notice Jesus made a scourge. This was no game. He was serious. Possibly some could have been asking what He was doing or what the scourge was for.

Jesus knew words would not accomplish this. It was supposed to be a beating.

c) "Father's house an house of merchandise"

Jesus gave the reason for His actions. What these people were doing was a violation of the Word of God and a violation of the house of the Lord (Temple). It was not for what they had been using it for. The Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes were bought and paid off and were mute. They did not say anything about it or correct it.

It took Jesus (God) who knows what is right and good, who cannot be corrupted to get that straightened and/or corrected.

Text two:

Matthew 21:12-14 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

- a) Jesus had already driven these people out about three years earlier. But guess what? They came back.

Here Jesus reveals more. Den of thieves

Mark 11:15-17 15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, *Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

and Luke 19:45-48)

## Be angry and sin not:

Ephesians 4:26-27 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.

- a) This passage is often interpreted as a warning not to go to bed angry or let the sun set while you're still upset. As long as you resolve the issue before sunset, you are okay. Wrong! Wrong! However, this isn't the true meaning. It's not saying that it's okay to be angry as long as you resolve it before the day ends.
- b) Instead, it emphasizes that you should not let your anger fade because it's necessary. The message here is that you need to embrace anger. Contrary to what many believe, there is a righteous form of anger.
- c) Anger is a powerful emotion given to us by God, and it can be used in various ways. For instance, James 4:7, teaches us to resist the devil. *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* To do this effectively, you need a righteous kind of anger. Resisting a thief, killer, or destroyer requires a certain type of anger; otherwise, you risk giving the devil a place which is forbidden by the following passage.

I believe that when Jesus was whipping, flipping, and overturning the tables of the money changers and sellers, He was operating and was driven by a godly anger that had consumed Him. He was angry, but He did not sin. This kind of anger wasn't meant to harm people but to correct wrongs and restore order—a right and good thing.

While some might think of this as not love what they miss is that true love has to have hate too (proverbs 8:13; Romans 12:9) or it is not genuine love. This is also true while speaking about good. A good person must hate what is bad. See my teaching on What God hates.

This type of anger we have seen it change the world in many ways:

1. Civil Rights Movement: Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. channeled their anger over racial injustice into a nonviolent movement that reshaped society and advanced civil rights in the United States.

2. Abolition of Slavery: Abolitionists like Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman were driven by a deep anger at the inhumanity of slavery, which fueled their efforts to end the practice and fight for freedom and equality.

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