

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

"His Anger"

(Ephesians 4:26)

- Introduction:
1. Can you tell me about a time in the life of Jesus when he got angry?
 2. While some of us may not be able to identify a single incident, I would guess that 95% of those who could think of an occasion were all thinking of the same thing – the cleansing of the temple in (John 2:13-17).
 3. If your view of Jesus is a timid, milquetoast, doormat of a man, you need to adjust your view of Jesus.
 4. As we teach on the love of Jesus, we need to balance that teaching with the anger of Jesus to get a true picture of who he was/is.
 5. I can think of several things that made Jesus angry, and as his disciples we should be angered with them as well.

I. The Human Condition

- A. (John 11:1-44).
- B. "Groaned" or "Deeply moved" – Comes from a Greek work that means indignation.
- C. This reaction is more about anger than it is sorrow.
- D. He was not sad for Lazarus but was angry with the pain people were experiencing.
- E. Does the human condition anger you?

II. Keeping Children from Him

- A. (Matthew 19:13-14; Mark 10:13-16).
- B. This is more than a procedural mistake but was something that angered (lit. incensed) Jesus.
- C. (Luke 17:1-2).
- D. Are you guilty of keeping children from Jesus?

III. Making it Difficult for People to Get to God

- A. (Matthew 23:4,13,15).
- B. Jesus was angered by those who elevated their rules to the level of doctrine (Matthew 15:8-9).
- C. We must give care to distinguish between our traditions and the doctrine of God.
- D. Do you make it difficult for people to come to God

- Conclusion:
1. May we learn to be angry at the things Jesus was/is angry with, and to rid ourselves of anger over matters that do not anger Jesus.
 2. This will take both, wisdom and submission.