

## **Wisdom's Promise, Folly's Pain: anger**

Proverbs 25:28; 14:16; 16:32

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### **The benefits of living in the fear of the LORD**

- Healing, restoration, renewal, revival, joy, hope, love, peace, trust, patience, long-suffering...
- The repair of our "broken walls" – self control
- The grace needed to be patient with those around you.
- The love and grace to overlook an offense or insult.
- The strength to turn away from anger/ and turn to the LORD
- A gratitude to God and contentment in circumstances – this is impossible and unthinkable when we remain in our sin.
- *"...a deeply satisfying trembling, and sweet humility and submission that rises in the presence of the absolute power and holiness of God."*

### **Love the Gospel, Live the Gospel, Advance the Gospel**

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story and have the Central Character live in us.*

- What particular truth (about God, about his Word) stood out to you in this message? How did it change your thinking?
- Describe some of the real life observations made by the book of proverbs in this message. What do they teach us about man? God? About ourselves?
- Where are *you* most tempted to display sinful anger? Annoyance? Irritability? Impatience? Once this sinful anger is uncovered and made plain to us what should we do about it? Why is it so easy to dismiss it?
- What are the two questions we could ask to help reveal what's behind our sinful anger?
- Describe what it means to "fear the LORD" – in other words, describe the "gravy" Jerry said we see spread over the entire book of Proverbs.
- What does/ should it look like in your life (I'm talking day-to-day living here) to fear the LORD?
- What are you being called to do as a result of this

Wisdom is living with a knowledge of the Holy One who is active in our daily lives.

**Proverbs 15:3**

**Hebrews 4:13**

Living in the fear of the LORD is our only hope of escaping the devastating consequences of sinful anger.

## 1. The pain of anger

Sinful anger has devastating consequences for those who walk in it

**Proverbs 30:33**

**Proverbs 25:28**

*impatience = a strong sense of annoyance at the usually unintentional fault or failures of others.*

**Proverbs 12:16** – A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.

**Proverbs 29:11**

- **Proverbs 29:22**
- **Proverbs 27:4**
- **Proverbs 19:3**

### **Anger is ultimately the rejection of true wisdom**

In choosing to lash out in anger we're choosing to reject the wisdom of God, ignore the presence of God and take up the rights of God.

YOUR *WRONGS* and MY *RIGHTS* preoccupy me

At that moment, we're living before our own opinion, our own eyes, and our own face – instead of living before the face of God.

### **2 Big Q's that help you**

What do I really want that I'm *not* getting?

What do I really believe?

Anger comes with excuses

## 2. The promise of fearing the LORD

The fear of the LORD has empowering benefits for those who walk in it

### **Proverbs 14:16**

*Living* in the fear of the LORD = believing God is present and in control of *every situation*.

### **Romans 8:28**

God will right every wrong!  
He'll do a much better job than you ever could!

- **1 Peter 2:19-25**
- **Romans 12:19-21**

John Piper: *"Either your offender will, pay in hell, or Christ has paid for him. Your payback would be double jeopardy or an offence to the cross."*

*Living* in the fear of the LORD = believing God has every right to be angry with you, but instead shows you His mercy.

- **Proverbs 17:9**
- **Proverbs 19:11**

**1 Peter 1:22; 4:8**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**Matthew 18:21-35**