

Anger Toward God

Charles Stanley

I. Introduction.

- A. Can we be angry towards God and not sin? (Ephesians 3:6)
- B. We can be angry with God.
- C. Text: Jonah 4.

II. Jonah was angry with God because of prejudice.

III. People get angry with God today because God allows tragedy when He has the power to stop it. It is easy to shift blame when things happen the way we do not expect.

IV. God's response in our anger.

- A. It is okay to be angry with God, but it is not okay to remain angry.
- B. God is willing to speak to us in our anger.
- C. God cares for us and loves us unconditionally in our anger.
- D. God forgives us in our anger.

V. How a person should respond.

- A. Acknowledge the anger.
- B. Express the anger.
 - 1. Report the anger to God.
 - 2. Express your feelings.
 - 3. Do not curse God.
- C. Benefits to expressing anger appropriately.
 - 1. Emotional help.
 - 2. A strengthened relationship.
 - 3. Feeling God's unconditional love.
- D. Remaining spiritually angry is dangerous.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says that it is wrong to be angry with God?

2. How is God's character demonstrated in His response to our anger?

3. Which benefit of expressing anger stands out to you? What strikes you about it?
