

From Egypt to Promised Land

Part 5



TRYING GOD'S PATIENCE!

1. By murmuring and accusing *God* of deceiving them and deliberately leading them into a trap so the Egyptians could kill them (Exodus 14:11,12).
2. By murmuring at Marah for water (Exodus 15:23-26).
3. By murmuring for flesh and bread before reaching Sinai (Exodus 16:1-18).
4. By willful disobedience in leaving manna until morning (Exodus 16:19-22).
5. By murmuring for water at Rephidim (Exodus 17-1-7).
6. By making a golden calf and quickly going back to idolatry (Exodus 32).
- 7. By murmuring at Taberah (Numbers 11:1-3).**
8. By murmuring for flesh (Numbers 11:4-35).
9. By unbelief in *God* and His words and asking that spies be sent into the land as if they doubted He told the truth (Numbers 13:1-25 with Deuteronomy 1:20-21).
10. By rebellion at Kadesh (Numbers 13:26 to 14:37 with Deuteronomy 1:26-46).

1 Now when the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, the Lord heard it and his anger was kindled. Then the fire of the Lord burned against them, and consumed some outlying parts of the camp (Numbers 11:1).

Aph (Anger) - literally nose or face (person)

Charah - hot blazing

Ash - fire

Anger Management



Some think that God has no emotions.

God has the emotions of love and anger!

But sin touches God to the very essence of His being.

Sin flares up in God and leads to judgment!

God cannot live with compromises.

If God were not to deal with sin, God would cease to be - **for God is holy!**

What is the difference between God's anger and our anger?

HOLY

‘For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy’ (Leviticus 11:44).

The Hebrew word for “Holy” is qadash. In Hebrew, “holy” means to separate; to be pure or clean; free from defilement

All sin result in God's judgment!

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).

Are all sins equal in the sight of God?

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. “Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. “And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. “Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you” (Matthew 11:21-24).

Are all sins equal in the sight of God?

16) There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,

19 A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers (Proverbs 6:16-19).

God forgives sins!

and He [Jesus] Himself is the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world (1 John 2:2).

He G-D] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The Unforgivable Sin

31 “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come
(Matthew 12:31,32).

When is this sin committed and why can't it be forgiven?

God's (temporary) Punishment for sin

My son, do not reject the discipline of the Lord or loathe His reproof, For whom the Lord loves He reproves, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights (Proverbs 3:11,12).

For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness (Hebrews 12:10)

[God] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

TWO SIDES OF GOD

A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries; And He reserves wrath for His enemies. The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. In whirlwind and storm is His way, And clouds are the dust beneath His feet (Nahum 1:1-3).

‘For I am with you,’ declares the Lord, ‘to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly and will by no means leave you unpunished’ (Jeremiah 30:11).

“God’s wrath is never mysterious, irrational, malicious, spiteful, or vindictive. It is predictable because it is aroused by injustice, lawbreaking and evil – and that alone.”