



Are You Aware of God's Holy Severity?

God is gracious, loving, and merciful to those who repent and obey Him (Romans 5:8-10; Hebrews 5:9), but there is another side of God that many refuse to acknowledge—the severe side of God that hates sin. The following warning was written to Christians: “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off” (Romans 11:22). If one cannot understand why God did the following things to the following people, he does not fully understand God’s just, holy nature.

- If one does not understand why God sentenced Adam and Eve to death because of one sin they committed, he does not understand God’s holy nature (Genesis 3).
- If one does not understand why God once killed everyone on earth except eight faithful people, he does not understand God’s holy nature (Genesis 6-8).
- If one does not understand why God killed the inhabitants of several cities because of sins like homosexuality, he does not understand God’s holy nature (Genesis 19:24-25; cf. 18:16-19:29; Jude 7).

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
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- If one does not understand why God killed Nadab and Abihu for altering just one part of worship, he does not understand God's holy nature (Leviticus 10:1-3).
- If one does not understand why God sentenced well over 600,000 people to death for refusing to obey His command to take the promised land, he does not understand God's holy nature (Numbers 13-14).
- If one does not understand why God commanded that a man be stoned to death for gathering sticks in violation of the old sabbath law, he does not understand God's holy nature (Numbers 15:32-36).
- If one does not understand why God would not allow Moses and Aaron, the leaders of His people, to enter the promised land, he does not understand God's holy nature (Numbers 20:7-12,22-29; Deuteronomy 34:1-6).
- If one does not understand why God killed 50,070 people in Beth-shemesh for looking inside the ark of the covenant, he does not understand God's holy nature (I Samuel 6:19-20; cf. Numbers 4:5,15,19-20).
- If one does not understand why God killed Uzzah while he was transporting the ark of the covenant in the wrong manner, he does not understand God's holy nature (II Samuel 6:1-7; cf. Exodus 25:14; Numbers 4:15,19-20; 7:7-9).
- If one does not understand why God killed Ananias and Sapphira for telling a lie, he does not understand God's holy nature (Acts 5).
- If one does not understand why God commands withdrawal of fellowship from impenitent children of God, he does not understand God's holy nature (Matthew 18:17; Romans 16:17; I Corinthians 5; II Thessalonians 3:6,14-15).
- If one does not understand why God will send many people to eternal torment, he does not understand God's holy nature (Matthew 25:41,46; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 14:11).

- If one does not understand why even some baptized believers will face God's "fiery indignation," he does not understand God's holy nature (Hebrews 10:26-27; cf. 3:1, 10:23-31; Galatians 5:4; II Peter 2:20-22, etc.).

More examples could be given, but remember that the nature of God does not change: "For I am the LORD, I change not..." (Malachi 3:6; cf. Hebrews 13:8). The Godhead has always hated sin and always will. The following was written about Jesus: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows" (Hebrews 1:9). Christ and God the Father think alike, and God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity" (Habakkuk 1:13). God also wants men to hate sin (Psalm 119:104,128; Romans 12:9), but those who love sin and persist in it are constantly making God angry: "...God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11b; contrast "joy" after repentance in Luke 15:10). May we all examine ourselves and make sure that we are not the ones grieving God and making Him angry! (II Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 4:30). Let us "...serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:28b-29; cf. 10:23-31). Those who serve God faithfully have no need to live in fear of His wrath, but should look forward to being lovingly welcomed into Heaven (Matthew 25:34; II Timothy 4:6-8; I John 2:3-4; 4:17-18).

Written by Jason Patrick Hilburn

Sermon Review

Giant Problems

(1 Samuel 17:37-51)

- I. **Smooth Stone of Conviction**
- II. **Smooth Stone of Courage**
- III. **Smooth Stone of Confidence**
- IV. **Smooth Stone of Control**
- V. **Smooth Stone of Community**

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- I. **Go Ahead** (Luke 24:36-40; 44-51)
- II. **Reach Beyond the Stars** (Jn. 14:1-6)
- III. **Academics & Athletics Aren't Everything** (Psalm 46:10-11)
- IV. **Don't Give Up On God** (Heb 13:5-6)

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Lara Angel & Baby David, arrived May 9, doing well considering; **Inez Neyman**; **Tim Wilkes Sr**, Samoa mission; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

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Family & Friends

Carey Smith, friend of Jerry, stage 4 pancreatic cancer; **Bill Fleming**; **Henry Wadsworth**, Russell's father, heart surgery; **Lisa Hogan**, heart problems; **Jeremy & Sandra Hulsey family**, minister and wife killed; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharol Brown**, Jared's mother; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, diagnosed with cancer; **Bob Spurlin family**, brother Spurlin passed on April 7th; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Willie Grady**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft**; **Deborah Williams**, Betty Duke's daughter; **Carl Zluticky**; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

5/6	Dylan Moore	5/16	Russell Wadsworth
5/7	Rebecca Brown	5/24	Anna Johnson
5/9	David Angel	5/25	Davis Johnson
5/15	Andy Ratliff		

Anniversaries

5/15	Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17	Joe & Leigh Owen
5/19	Seth & Jan Daniel
5/23	Johnny & Stephanie Bayless
5/23	Russell & Jeanna Wadsworth
5/26	Jimmy & Virginia Sowell
5/31	Billy & Terry Bland

Get Involved!

Convalescence Center Devo — May 25 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — May 25 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — May 29 — 1 PM

Looxahoma Gospel Meeting — June 3 – 5

Coldwater Trade Days Booth — June 11

Coldwater VBS — June 12 – 16

Panama Mission Trip — June 17 – 25

SLCC Session 2 — June 19 — 25

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 22

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Assist	Dalton Owen
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Moore

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Johnny Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Daniel Owen
Closing Prayer	Terry Davis

Wednesday, May 25

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Russell Wadsworth
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis