

# Jonah – Angry; God – Gracious” – Jonah 4:4 Notes

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JONAH ANGRY – GOD GRACIOUS ([James 1:19](#))

After the command to KNOW, we have “*swift to hear*”. Then “*slow to speak*”.

Now we have, “*SLOW TO WRATH*”, “*ANGER*”.

God has given us a great challenge:

- Are we perceptive to God and His Word?
- Do we use the tongue properly?

Then God’s Spirit seemingly says “*Let’s dwell there a moment longer*”. God has given us life – *ETERNAL LIFE* – the soul is saved. *BUT* – is the soul full? Is it receptive?

A receptive heart:

- I. Opens the EARS.
- II. Controls the tongue.
- III. Manages rules, governs, and restrains the emotion of anger. Anger is the Greek word *orge*, *οργή*, meaning to swell (a swelling which will eventually burst. It is an inner, deep feeling that seethes and smolders).

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### ANGER

1. Human anger never practices the things that God can approve.
2. Anger blocks God’s good from the life.
3. Bitterness never makes us better.
4. A temper that is hot never leads to a life that is HOLY.
5. It has often been said – “You throw mud – you will lose ground.”
6. Unbridled anger is a devastating sin.
7. It can create a distance in relationships, disturb children, and not accomplish anything good.
8. Jesus labeled anger as the root sin behind murder in [Matt. 5: 21, 22](#).
9. Before Cain committed the first murder in history, God confronted him with the question in [Genesis 4:6](#), “*Why are you angry?*”
10. Paul tells us that unchecked anger gives the devil a foothold in life ([Eph.4:26, 27](#)). Homes and yes, even churches are torn apart by anger. This contains a quote from Psalm 4, where David is resisting temptation to become angry at the revolt of his son Absalom.
11. People often hide “*Be angry and sin not*” – righteous anger is normally not righteous.
12. In [Gal. 5:20](#), Paul gives a list: “*enmities, strife, jealousy, outburst of anger, disputes, dissensions and factions*” as *DEEDS OF THE FLESH*.
13. We must face reality – if we cannot make it through a week without *ANGER – THEN WE ARE ADDICTED. IF WE ARE YELLING, NAME CALLING, THROWING THINGS, MAKING THREATS, THEN ANGER HAS CONTROL OF US.*
14. *FACE THE PROBLEM – ADMIT THE PROBLEM TO GOD – TAKE STEPS TO ROOT IT OUT – ALLOW SOMETHING FAR GREATER TO TAKE CHARGE* ([Col. 3:12, 14](#)). (read)