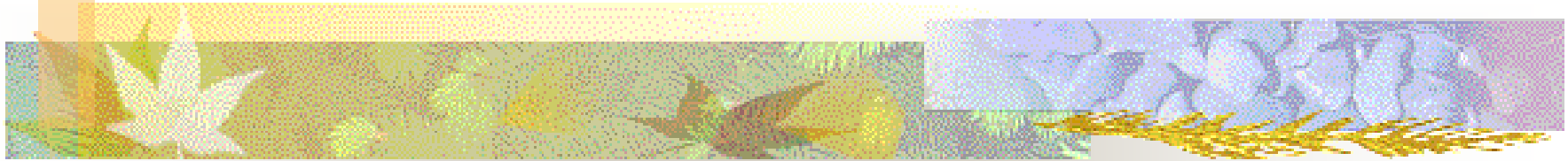


Questions That God Would Ask



“Why are you angry?”

Intro: Genesis 4:1-13

“And the Lord said unto Cain, why are you angry? And why is your face downcast?”





This morning we need to ask ourselves...

- Why do we get angry?
- Just what it is that gets us so angry and upset?
- Is it some event that someone did to us and we place ourselves as some victims of something that we think is just not right?



The wrong way to God:

- Disobedient - Offering was not what he was taught
- Pride in his works – best fruit
- Sincere but wrong – no blood – non submission to the Lord

All works of religion involves these points and this is what Isaiah calls works of “filthy rags.”



The Grace of God:

- *Verse 7 – If you go back and obey my instruction – you can be accepted.*
- *It would mean for Cain to:*
 - *Humble one's self – deal with pride*
 - *Submit one's self to God*
 - *Be obedient to God's Word*



What does Salvation involve?

- *Repentance*
- *Obedience*
- *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us. By the working of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.: Titus 3:5*



Sin is at the door ready to explode.

- *But what did Cain do?*
- *God does not send men to hell, men choose to allow sin to rule and then judgment will happen.*



How do we control anger?

- *Ps. 37:8 “Cease from anger and forsake wrath. Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.”*
- *Vengeance belongs to the Lord*
- *Eph. 4:26-27 “Be ye angry and sin not. Let not the sun go down on your wrath. Neither give place to the devil.”*



Control anger: The key Col. 3:12-17

- *Col. 3:1-10 – Put away the old man – Put on the new man in Christ*
- *Col. 3:12-17 –*
- *Col. 3:18 – Submit to God*
- *Verse 25 – Hate and Anger has it's reward*



Counseling session:

- *The Counselor – God*
- *The question – “Why are you angry?”*
- *Your answer....*
- *Question – “What is the proper way to deal with this?”*
- *Question – “Why don’t you go back and make things right?”*



Matthew 5:23-24

- “If thou bring thy gift to the alter, and there remembered that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the alter and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come offer thy gift.”



The Pineapple Story

- Recall what makes you angry.
- List your rights which others are violating.
- Transfer your rights to God.
- Purpose to thank God, whatever happens.
- Use future anger as God's alarm system.



Conclusion:

When I get angry, I am going to stop and consider God asking me this question, “Why are you angry?”

- Humble yourself to obedience
- Submit to God’s Word
- Obey