

**WHEN GOD GETS ANGRY****DR. LARRY LAMB****NOVEMBER 03, 2024**

**Romans 3:23** *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

**Jeremiah 17:9** *The human heart is the most deceitful of all, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?*

Throughout the Bible, God has set the wise way to live, and because of the nature of the human heart, people have chosen their way. Paul says that even though he is embroiled in tension between living for God or being a slave to sin, there is an answer. **Romans 7:25** *Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.*

The book of Romans begins by describing Paul's call to be God's servant: **Romans 1:16-17** *For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. 17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life.*

Our callousness toward the holiness of God is a reproach to the very people who claim they love God and have been transformed by the holiness of His character.

*"Worldliness is whatever makes sin look normal and righteousness look strange."* David Wells

**Romans 1:18** *But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.*

*"A wrath of God who would not love unless He hated evil, the two being inseparable, that He must do both or neither."* Richard C. Trench

**Romans 1:19** *They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.*

**Job 38:2-3** *Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.*

**Romans 1:20** *For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*

The mistake people can make is attempting to see God as irrelevant, therefore escaping His judgment, but there is **NO EXCUSE**

**“By saying that God has made it manifest, He means that man was created to be a spectator of His formed world, and that eyes were given him, that he might, by looking on so beautiful a picture be led up to the Author Himself.”**

**John Calvin**

The unsaved person can recognize that there is a Supreme Being. The demonstration of being aware of God is clear. **Romans 1:21** *Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.*

When people reject God, they inevitably manufacture their own god or declare themselves god, and the cycle of arrogance continues.

**Romans 1:22-23** *Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.*

Two thoughts from these passages:

1. Replacing anyone or anything in God's rightful place is moronic.
2. Because God loves us, He holds us accountable for how we live.

### **SALVATION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner. I know that the penalty for my sin is physical, spiritual, and eternal death. I acknowledge that I can't do anything about my situation. But I know that You came to pay the penalty for my sin. I trust in You alone as the One who died in my place. I repent of my sin and trust in You as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with the living God. I desire to be Your child. I desire to live as Your child. In Your name. Amen.