

An Angry Messiah

Mark 3:1-6 ¹Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." ⁴Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. ⁵He looked around at them in **anger** and, deeply distressed at their **stubborn hearts**, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 11:15-18 ¹⁵On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" ¹⁸The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they **feared him**, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. (NIV 84)

- I. Here are two examples in which Jesus became **angry**. Here are some of the commonalities in these two examples.
 - A. Both examples have someone who is being **unfairly** treated. The man with a shriveled hand and the Gentiles who came to hear God's word taught in the temple. Mark 3:4; 11:17
 - B. Both examples included people who should have known **better**. Mark 3:6; 11:18
 - C. The action Jesus took was to bring **justice** to those who were unfairly treated. Mark 3:5-6; 11:15-17
 - D. The hard hearted didn't listen to Jesus, they instead turned their **wrath** upon Him. He never retaliated against this! Father forgive them, they know not what they do. Mark 3:6; 11:18
- II. What simple truths can we take away from this lesson?
 - A. God's anger always has a **redemptive** quality for His children.

I Corinthians 11:32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Hebrews 12:5-8 ⁵And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,

and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

- B.** We must **align** our anger triggers to what makes Him angry and leave room for the "transgressor" to be redeemed.