



## - VICTORIOUS FAITH -

### UNDERSTANDING THE WRATH OF A HOLY, JUST GOD

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**KEY SCRIPTURE** | Joshua 7–11

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

If God loves righteousness, He must also hate evil. If He were all love and no wrath, He wouldn't be God at all because He would be unrighteous. We understand this even on a human level: if a judge was lenient toward murderers and child molesters, he would not be a righteous judge. We can't use this logic to justify our own unrighteous anger (Ephesians 4:26), but we know God would not be holy or just if He didn't react to evil with wrath and righteous judgment.

The greatest example of God's wrath was when He put His own Son on the cross to bear our sins, so that He cried out in agony, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46). Jesus' terrible death shows us God cannot just brush our sin aside. But it also shows His love for us. His righteous judgment must be satisfied in order to demonstrate His love.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's message?
2. How have you seen the wrath of God affect your relationship with Him?
3. Does knowing God is holy and just affect the choices you make?
4. After Sunday's message, how do you view God's holiness and justice?
5. How can God be angry yet loving? Is this a contradiction?
6. In what ways do you see the wrath of God as the love of God?

### IN ACTION

With a fresh understanding from the Word that the wrath of God is a demonstration of the love of God, look up these verses and reflect on God's love this week.

Job 34:19  
Psalm 86:15  
Zephaniah 3:17  
John 3:16, John 4:9–11  
Romans 5:8

Galatians 2:20  
Ephesians 2:4–51  
1 Peter 5:6–7  
1 John 3:1, 4:7–8

