10. Are You Angry at God?

Is it ok to tell God how angry you are at Him? Yes, absolutely. The Lord wants us to tell Him everything we feel. He is a big god. He can take anything you have to dish out. He doesn't punish people that express how they feel about Him, even if it's really bad.

Being angry is not a sin. Even God expresses being angry and the bible speaks of God's wrath. Jesus got so angry, that in a rage, he turned tables and benches over. The Lord does not want us to hold anger in. He tells us to try and take care of the anger issue before the end of the day. He wants us to get it out so we can get past it.

<u>Hosea 5:10</u> Judah's leaders are like those who move boundary stones. I will pour out my wrath on them like a flood of water.

Mark 11:15-17 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts 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, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And 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."

<u>Ephesians 4:26-27</u> In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

When I was first saved, I was so angry with God. My prayers were raising my fist at God and telling Him how angry I was that He let me go through all that. I even called Him a liar. He says He loves us in the Bible, but surely, He didn't love or protect me.

When I was 12 years old, I learned that anger was really effective. People just don't want other people being angry with them. Anger helped me to get some ugliness out of my life and anger became my most effective tool to get what I wanted. By the time I came to know the Lord, anger was a lifestyle; my best friend; my comrade in arms. I did not want to let it go. The Lord had a lot of work to do on me.

God was so patient with me. He never got angry and never punished me for all the horrible things I said to Him. He just patiently mended my heart, and taught me what love is. It took years to get where I am now. My anger has been replaced. Now Jesus is my lifestyle, my best friend, and my comrade in arms.

<u>James 1:19-20</u> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

<u>1 Corinthians 13:4-5</u> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

So go ahead, tell God exactly how you feel about Him. Let Him work on you.