

Anger, Wrath, Hatred and Malice

As Bible readers, and individuals that have confidence that their faith and actions are without reproach and acceptable to God, the idea that such a heart would reside in the “believer” is beyond the imagination. So, what could possibly stir up these emotions, and subsequent actions in the professing of Christ, as a follower of Christ, and boldly wear the name “Christian”? Let’s take a look.

Zechariah

2 Chron. 24:20-21 — The son of Jehoiada: “stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of Jehovah, so that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken Jehovah, he hath also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of Jehovah.”

Why did the king order the death of Zechariah? Because Zechariah charged the people with forsaking Jehovah, which was seen in their actions in transgressing the commandments of Jehovah: Anger, Wrath, Hatred and Malice generated against Zechariah due to his unwavering commitment to the word of God.

Jeremiah

Princes and the King:

Jeremiah 38:1-6 – Message: “Thus saith Jehovah, He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey, and he shall live. Jer 38:3 Thus saith Jehovah, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it” (Vs. 2-3).

Response of Princes: “Then the princes said unto the king, Let this man, we pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he that can do anything against you. Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire” (Vs. 4-6).

Times have changed, but motives have not. Behind every opposition to the speaking of the Word of God, is ... wait for it! False prophet and/or teachers: “But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not.” (2 Peter 2:1-3).

Therefore, beware: “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Cor. 11:13-15). ret