



Williams Chapel Church

Chief Apostle Kimberly L. Nixon, Pastor

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 617, Spring Lake, N.C. 28390

1230 N. Bragg Blvd., Spring Lake, N.C. 28390

Phone: 910-436-3186

Fax: 910-436-6347



Anger, Rage & Righteousness

Ephesians 4:26-27 KJV

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: [27] Neither give place to the devil.

Isaiah 59:14-15 KJV

And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. [15] Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

This passage is one of the most haunting and prophetic descriptions of a society in moral collapse. {Truth is fallen in the street} Isaiah is not merely describing personal sin — he is describing a culture where the systems that were supposed to protect righteousness have become distorted.

“Judgment is turned away backward”. The word judgment here speaks of justice, lawful righteousness, and the proper administration of what is right. It paints the picture of a *nation losing its moral compass*.

Anger is an emotion.

Rage is anger without rule.

Righteousness is anger submitted to God’s purpose.

Anger says, “Something is wrong.”

Rage says, “I will make somebody pay.”

Righteousness says, “Lord, show me how to respond without becoming what wounded me.”

There is a holy kind of anger. Jesus turned over tables when worship was being exploited. The prophets cried out when the poor were crushed. God is not offended

by anger that grieves injustice. But anger becomes dangerous when it stops seeking justice and starts feeding destruction.

Ephesians 4:26 says, “Be ye angry, and sin not.”

That means anger is not automatically sin. But anger must be governed.

Righteous anger has boundaries. Rage has none.

Righteous anger tells the truth.

Rage tears down people.

Righteous anger fights systems of oppression.

Rage wounds whoever is closest.

Righteous anger is carried by love.

Rage is carried by pain.

So the prayer is not, “Lord, make me stop feeling.”

The prayer is:

“Lord, sanctify what I feel.

Do not let my anger become poison.

Do not let my pain become my personality.

Do not let injustice make me unjust.

Teach me how to carry fire without burning down what You called me to build.”

Because there are moments when anger is evidence that your conscience is still alive. But righteousness is evidence that your spirit is still submitted.

There is a difference between being consumed by anger and being commissioned through it. Many people are angry because they have been wounded.

But some people are angry because they are finally seeing clearly.

There is an anger that rises when you watch injustice repeat itself...

when systems fail people...

when voices are silenced...

when generations carry burdens they did not create.

That anger is often the cry of the soul saying:

“This is not how it was supposed to be.”

But if anger is never surrendered to God, it begins to mutate.

Unhealed anger becomes rage.

Long-term rage becomes bitterness.

Bitterness eventually reshapes perception until a person can no longer discern clearly.

Hebrews warns us about “a root of bitterness” because bitterness does not stay private. It spreads. It leaks into speech, relationships, leadership, parenting, preaching, and even prayer.

Hebrews 12:15 KJV

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

This is why the enemy loves rage. Because rage exhausts discernment.

Rage makes people react before they reflect.

It convinces people that volume is authority.

It creates emotional smoke so thick that wisdom cannot see through it.

But righteousness is different. Righteousness allows you to feel deeply without losing spiritual clarity.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem and still spoke truth.

Moses burned with anger at injustice, yet there were moments his anger crossed boundaries and cost him dearly.

David cried out honestly before God instead of pretending he had no emotion.

The prophets thundered against oppression, but their anger was tethered to God’s heart—not merely personal offense.

That is the difference, righteous anger is anchored.

Rage is untethered.

One seeks redemption, the other seeks release. One says, “How do we heal what is broken?” The other says, “I want someone to suffer for what I feel.”

And in this hour, many people are carrying legitimate anger:

anger over injustice,

anger over racism,

anger over political corruption,

anger over betrayal,

anger over spiritual abuse,

anger over exhaustion,

anger over being unheard.

The danger is not that people are angry. The danger is that unresolved anger can become identity.

You were never meant to live emotionally handcuffed to what wounded you.

At some point, anger must become:

*wisdom,
intercession,
courage,
boundaries,
prophetic clarity,
disciplined action.*

Otherwise, rage will consume the vessel carrying it.

Sometimes God does not immediately remove anger because anger can expose where healing, truth, or confrontation is needed. But He also does not leave us there. The goal is transformation. Fire in a fireplace warms a home. Fire outside the fireplace destroys the house.

Emotion is powerful when submitted.

That is why James says:

“The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.”

Human rage alone cannot produce God’s justice.

Only hearts governed by truth, humility, and the Spirit can carry both conviction and compassion at the same time.

And perhaps one of the greatest signs of spiritual maturity is this:

You can burn with conviction without burning people down.