



## FORGIVENESS Pt. 7-ANGRY AT GOD

*“In the matter of Drusky versus God-God has won.”  
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🌐 **Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia**-To appease, be merciful or make reconciliation.

**Intro:** Donald Drusky blamed God officially for not getting him justice because he was fired from his job, so Mr. Drusky took God to court. The case was thrown out. Like many who struggle with forgiveness sometimes the blame is placed on God rather than the obvious, sinful imperfection of people. Herein lies the question we must wrestle with in this lesson *“Do we ever have the right to be angry at God?”* First, let’s be honest. At some point this thought has crossed (most likely) every believer’s mind when calamity and injury hits us, *“God is love and All Powerful. Why did He let this happen? Why didn’t He answer my prayers?”* Secondly, it would seem that Scripture gives us permission. Consider the following...

- 🌐 God has forgotten about me and allowed my enemy to rein (Psalm 13:1-2)
- 🌐 Lord, we’ve been faithful, but You’ve allowed us into a place of danger and death (Psalm 44:17-19)
- 🌐 God, why are You treating me like an enemy? (Job 13:24)

Now while we can be honest with God, ***we must not*** cross the line and allow that honesty to become *“an expression of a proud, insubordinate heart”*. Instead, there are a few ***Biblical Attitude Adjustments (\*B.A.A.)*** that we can make in order to honor God even in the midst of horrific pain.

### 1. Psalm 4:4-5 Gives us at least three B.A.A.

- a. Remain in reverential awe of God and don’t sin (vs. 4)
- b. Continue in sacrificial worship of God (vs. 5)
- c. Don’t waiver in your reliance upon, and belief in God (vs.5)

### 2. Job Gives us at least two B.A.A.

- a. **The Lord is purifying us**-Though not completely clear on why adversity fell upon him, Job understood that this was a purification process (Job 23:10).
- b. **The Lord wants us to trust and remember that He is God we are not!**-God explains to Job in a very aggressive tone (that only He can rightfully take) that His ways are infinitely higher than ours and more often than not beyond our comprehension (Job 38:1-4, 40:1-5)

So, here's what we need to remember, ***a wrong view of God will have you thinking that God is "flippant" and "could care less about what you're going through"***. This has the potential to lead to "unleashed anger". Instead, we must remember the following that is always, inevitably true about God.

- 🕒 "He's going through it with you and for you." (Isaiah 43:1-3)
- 🕒 He suffers with us (Isaiah 63:9)
- 🕒 Though it can be difficult we must stay focused on God (Isaiah 26:3)
- 🕒 Answer for yourself the question that God asked Jonah after He had mercy on Nineveh (Jonah 4:1,4,9)

#### Final Thought From Nancy Leigh DeMoss...

***"By trusting in His Sovereign wisdom, goodness, and love, you, too, may one day see the sweet restoration of everything you've prayed for. But even if not, you will have found a refuge in His will and in His care-a blessed place to reach only by those who trust His heart and keep trusting it even when the darkness closes in around them."***