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The Spirit of
ANGER
Amidst the
Body of Christ

A comprehensive Biblical study of the spirit of anger – its nature and character – its presence amidst the Body of Christ – and its demise.

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Careful readers will notice some repetition of certain statements or facts in this manuscript – this is a deliberate procedure intended by the writer to enhance and emphasise certain facts and truths.

The prospective reader ought to realise and understand the serious nature of the following study and as such it is humbly advised that the reader prayerfully and carefully (and slowly) reads and re-reads the following narrative several times – many important facts are unveiled in the following writing which spiritual facts need to be clearly understood – IF peradventure the Christian reader is to come quickly to spiritual maturity, then many problems common to many believers (such as an indwelling angry spirit) need addressing and need addressing urgently – this writing is thus placed before the Christian populace to this end – that contemporary believers enter quickly into victorious daily living in Christ Jesus. And thus are adequately prepared for the forthcoming Second and LAST coming of the Lord and Saviour of mankind – Jesus Christ.

A careful and prayerful reading and pondering (pondering or vigilant consideration in the Spirit of the Living Lord) of the following Scriptures will throw much light upon our subject under consideration – “the Spirit of Anger” or “the Spirit of Wrath” – these two words “Anger” and “Wrath” are twin sisters. In the English language their meaning is very much the same. In real life however anger generally develops - IF not CHECKED into the more serious condition of Wrath.

Concerning a consideration of the various Scriptures which mention the word and the act of being - “In” or “under” the “Spirit of Anger” or “wrath” – the Scriptures highlighted thus are of particular importance

Old Testament - Psalm 37:8; 38:3. - Proverbs 10:12; 15:1; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11; 21:14; 27:4.
– Ecclesiastes 7:19.

New Testament – Ephesians 4:31. – Colossians 3:8; 3:21. James 1:19-20.

Concerning a consideration of the word “angry” as used in the Scriptures –

Old Testament – Psalm 2:12; 7:9. – Proverbs 14:17; 21:19; 22:24; 25:23; 29:22.

New Testament – Matthew 5:22. – Ephesians 4:26. – Titus 1:7.

Concerning a consideration of the word “wrath” as used in the Scriptures -

Old Testament – Psalm 37:8; - Proverbs 12:16; 14:29; 15:1; 19:19; 21:24; 27:3; 27:4; 29:8;
and Proverbs 30:33.

New Testament – Romans 2:8; 12:19. – Galatians 5:20. – 1 Timothy 2:8.

Concerning a consideration of the word “strife” as used in the Scriptures –

Old Testament – Proverbs 15:18; Proverbs 16:28; 17:1; 17:14; 17:19; 20:3; 22:10; 26:17;
26: 20-21; 28:25; Proverbs 29:22 and 30:33.

New Testament – Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians 3:3; Galatians 5:20; Philippians 1:15;
Philippians 2:3; Timothy 6:4; James 3:14; James 3:16.

The serious student of the Word of God will look up and carefully ponder each and every verse of Scripture referred to above – the study on “anger” which follows is based entirely upon the Scriptures which have a lot to teach concerning “Anger”. To enhance the reader’s understanding, liberty has been taken to relate (here and there, some experiences concerning “the spirit of anger” that the writer has encountered during his ministry.

Principle Introduction – anger is but one defilement that numerous believers presently need deliverance from.

As I write these words in the middle months of the year of our Lord 2011, we believers find ourselves living in serious end-times, the nature and character of which is exceedingly shocking, decadent, corrupt and ugly, both in the world and in the confines of the Church. General declension, defilement, pollution, apostasy and shocking rebellion presently prevail amidst the congregations of the living Lord. The world-wide Body of Christ is exceedingly sick, even terminally ill. Thousands (nay tens of thousands) of contemporary believers need urgent spiritual help to deliver and set them free from many defilements and corruptions in their lives, problems in their lives which have never been addressed and serious defilements in their very being from which they have never been cleansed.

The author of this writing has in recent times literally met multitudes of Christian souls that need deliverance and freedom from certain besetting sins that continually plague them. Most of these believers have NO idea whatsoever that anything is amiss in their lives but their gross ignorance does in no way alter the clear fact that the true spiritual status of thousands of current believers is exceedingly lamentable, to say the least.

The light and life of Jesus Christ in most believers' lives at this present crisis times has been almost totally extinguished. This is a time of widespread lukewarmness, complacency, indifference, shoddiness and apathy within the confines of the Church. It should be clearly understood that apostasy, iniquity, spiritual nakedness and spiritual darkness, even spiritual madness is present amidst the assemblies of the redeemed, of a kind rarely seen or observed during the history of the Church.

For most believers these aforementioned facts are very hard to believe, bare or confront. Numerous Christians, especially the contemporary leaders, will simply NOT BELIEVE what I am affirming here, they simply cannot accept that their spiritual lives, generally speaking, are completely "out of order" and in some cases is an outright abomination unto the living Lord.

Moreover, the true Gospel of Jesus Christ as declared in New Testament times is rarely heard in our shoddy deceitful times. Throughout the congregations of the Lord, another gospel, an altogether erroneous foolish and decadent false gospel is now being proclaimed, a perversion of the truth is being declared – we may be permitted to call this lying preaching as "easy-Believeism". Tens of thousands of believers are unwittingly, unsuspectingly being caught in the vile net of this shocking perversion of the truth; all these Christians need deliverance from this diabolical LIE. The principle problem facing these believers who have been caught in the sticky web of easy-Believeism (or any of the other serious spiritual problems which prevail at this crisis time) is that most of these Christians simply DO NOT believe that they have a problem, or if indeed they do admit that they have a problem - it's NOT so bad and is easy fixed they glibly affirm.

Thus my friend the current (2011) general spiritual climate throughout Christendom is appalling and the light of truth in Christ Jesus is all but extinguished – perversions and depraved errors of all kinds are running wild and deliverance from such is thus required in the lives of multitudes of current believers – anger is but one bad fruit of our times from which believers need deliverance, there are scores of others.

Introduction to our consideration of the widespread Spirit of Anger
amidst the contemporary World-wide Body of Christ – first words
First considerations

The Spirit of Anger

is presently widespread upon the Earth both amidst the populous of the wicked and the household of the redeemed alike. The consequences of this evil carnal attribute are manifested in war, general violence, rape, hatred, discontent, revolution, murder, household violence and a host of other similar evils.

In this particular writing we will concern ourselves with the prevalence of “The Spirit of Anger” amidst the Christian Church only - and how such a serious problem ought to be addressed.

The reader should understand immediately that this writing is NOT a manual on anger management; it is NOT the intent of this writer to speak upon the supervision of one’s anger – rather it is the clear intention of this writer to relate just HOW the spirit of anger in any believers life can be done to death in accordance with **Romans 8:13**.

Alas, in our times (we speak of 2011 and onwards) many believers - even multitudes of contemporary believers have a problem with the spirit of anger within their lives which problem is manifested in many ways for “anger” is directly related to wrath, rage, annoyance, irritation, fury, antagonism, resentment, infuriation, frustration, becoming incensed, exasperated, and even allowing oneself to enter in a state of madness (a mad frenzy). As is easily recognised and understood (or should be understood) the spirit of anger can arise in a believer’s life once resentment, irritation, antagonism or such like has overcome, or has been entertained in the life of, the said believer. And peradventure, IF this spirit of anger or irritation or resentment, IS NOT checked and dealt with in any Christian’s life, it can quickly develop into rage and even violence with the corresponding serious consequences.

Moreover, it should also be realised by the struggling believer that this spirit of anger is a fruit of the flesh {in accordance with **Galatians 5:20**} and as such this fruit will be manifested in the believer’s life IF the said Christian is walking and abiding in the unprofitable and undesirable realm of the flesh – thus the entire question of the believers daily walk is involved here. And the obvious question arises – IS the believer prone to carnal walking or spiritual walking? Does the Christian really desire to please the Lord in all matters and thus is ready and willing to deal with the spirit of anger in their life just as the selfsame believer should be willing (and ready) to deal urgently with any matter which is displeasing unto the living Lord. For example, IF peradventure the said believer is honest with him/herself (which is rarely the case) then their daily walk should be scrutinised insomuch as most Christians are living and dwelling “in the flesh” and this common problem NEEDS to be addressed URGENTLY.

In addition to these remarks, it should be clearly understood by the reader that a residing spirit of anger in any believer’s life will render that Christian mostly carnal in all or most of their ways until such time as this Spirit of anger is removed. It is clear from observing the daily behaviour of numerous Christians that a resident Spirit of anger in a believer’s life is a fundamental blockage preventing spiritual life. In other words, any Christian with a resident spirit of anger in their lives will be greatly inhibited from a daily walk in the Spirit of the living Lord. This spiritual blockage is suggested in several of the Scriptures which we shall shortly study.

We are NOT saying here that a believer with a resident spirit of anger in his/her life is totally devoid of real spiritual life. We are affirming however, that such a believer will have some difficulty, even considerable difficulty with walking, abiding, and dwelling in the light and life of Jesus Christ on a consistent basis – for the indwelling spirit of anger (or any other besetting sin for that matter) will act

as a blockage, an obstacle, an obstruction to the life of Christ freely flowing in and through the said believers life. The “Still Small Voice” of the Lord speaking within them will be mostly unheard or muffled {see 1 Kings 19:12}. There will be some confusion in the believer’s life and spiritual guidance will NOT always be so sure or certain. Such believers will be mostly carnal (natural) in most or all their ways, while all the time believing and convincing themselves that they are somewhat spiritual. They usually will have a certain air of confidence that all is well with their souls, when in reality all is NOT well with their spiritual walk.

Such believers may, or may NOT be aware of their spiritual plight or dilemma as a direct or indirect consequence of this residing spirit of anger. As is to be expected, for surely we are all aware (OR SHOULD be aware) of the deceitful nature of our human heart, {see Jeremiah 17:9} many of these poor souls will convince themselves that they are spiritual or somewhat spiritual. But such souls will NOT fool those living in close proximity to them for their carnal (natural) life will be open for all to see. The author of this writing has had occasion to meet many such souls during his long life. These souls have a resident spirit of anger in their lives from which they have NEVER been delivered. Indeed many of these believers do not even seem concerned that such an awful spirit resides in them. Of course they should be very concerned but they are dull or clouded in their thinking by virtue of their residing spirit of anger within, which, of course, keeps them in considerable spiritual darkness. They have seemingly forgotten that NO sin in their lives should be tolerated; they need to be urgently reminded “*that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump*” {see 1 Corinthians 5:6 and Galatians 5:9}.

Dear reader let it be clearly understood that to allow the spirit of anger to remain unchallenged in your life is dangerous and foolhardy. Of course, many believers are so proud to even admit such a problem exists in their life, others are blasé and indifferent to their continuing problem, some however do admit to the presence of such a problem and then thank the Lord they can be helped.

The leaven then of anger (or any other such related attribute of darkness) in any believer’s life - unless addressed and removed will eventually effect the whole of that Christian’s life, insomuch as the darkness will quickly spread to other areas within their life. Anger is likened unto cancer insomuch as once present it will soon spread unless attacked and removed – similarly anger can be likened unto potato blight insomuch as once it sets in and grips a crop of potatoes it can cause much (even total) devastation unless addressed. The reader needs to understand the Scripture means what it says – anger or any similar spiritual darkness is damaging to the soul of man, it needs to be removed, in needs to be done to death otherwise it will soon have serious adverse affects upon any Christian’s life.

Of course, knowing the general state of the human heart, many Christian souls upon reading the aforementioned remarks will quickly declare that I am exaggerating the situation – it’s NOT AS BAD or as serious as I am declaring they will soon remark. To such remarks this writer replies – the situation is far worse than I am relating, any such besetting sin such as anger, greed, malice, fornication etc. etc. needs urgent addressing. Such intrinsic (fundamental) sins should NOT, indeed cannot just be left untouched and unchallenged in any believer’s life as many believers are apt to do for the consequences could be, and often are disastrous. Alas, there is a common problem found here among the congregations of the Lord in our deceitful times, the shocking nature and character of sin is NOT spoken about or preached about anymore – Believers with besetting sins are apt to believe that they need NOT worry or be concerned too much – This writer declares the very opposite so hear me and hear me well.

Any Christian facing a particular sin problem in their life needs to understand the serious nature of their problem; all other matters ought to be put aside immediately while the sin problem is being addressed. There is this tendency to do nothing, to just leave the matter untouched. Such a tendency is typical of human nature; we say again - any besetting problem {see Hebrews 12:1} needs urgent addressing. The said believer ought to (indeed must) set their heart and mind to deal with their problem lest the problem gets out of control, which often it does.

My humble counsel to any reader who has a known problem with the spirit of anger within their lives is to immediately stop all other activities and concentrate (address) the problem in hand. Dear

Christian – cancel all other activities and address your besetting anger until it's thoroughly dealt with. No EXCUSES are permitted; you have a problem, and a serious one at that – You need to address it.

This writer has met and spoken with some believers who have a resident spirit of anger within their lives. The discussion was usually centred around how they were to address their serious problem – the meeting came to an end – the following day (in some cases) the writer of this manuscript again met the said believer by chance or so it seemed, to the amazement of this writer the said Christian had seemingly completely forgotten the previous night's talk – in conversation NO mention was made of the spirit of anger. The said believer acted just as if nothing had happened or that NO problem existed. They just continued life as if everything was fine. This reaction is typical of human nature and is further typical of this age. Such believers, it seems, care little or nothing about their serious besetting sin. They have an indifferent unconcerned attitude which defies reason yet such an attitude is seemly common.

First and foremost then, let us consider just what is the nature and character of this awful “spirit of anger” and WHY it is so presently (2011) prevalent amidst the individual members the Body of Christ.

The spirit of anger or wrath (such are twin sisters) within a believer's life is unacceptable before the Lord and therefore needs addressing forthwith before this evil fleshly spirit gets out of control. Any believer who is conscious that this shocking spirit resides within them needs to ponder the following spiritual facts directly related to this awful spirit of anger.

(1) The Scripture declares in **James 1:20** – *“For the wrath (or anger) of man worketh NOT the righteousness of God”*. – The spirit of anger or wrath in a believer's life, IF NOT addressed forthwith, is opposed to godly righteousness coming forth in the believers' life – we can fairly assert that very little progress is made in terms of godly righteousness in a believer's life while the spirit of anger resides there. Oftentimes the believer may NOT be aware that their personal progress in spiritual matters is slow or even perhaps at a standstill. Sometimes, however, the believer IS aware that their spiritual growth is slow (even at a standstill) – in this particular situation the said believer may NOT EVEN BE AWARE that the resident spirit of anger and possible other associated problems, is the principle cause of their slow spiritual growth.

Therefore it is obvious that immediately any believer becomes aware that this spirit of anger is resident in their being they need to address (deal with or attend to) the problem. Any delay to address thus serious problem of anger can result in the powers of darkness taken advantage of the situation and gaining a “foothold of anger” in the said believer's life. Once a satanic foothold of anger has been established in any believer's life, spiritual deliverance needs to be ministered to loosen the evil foothold and expel the evil influence. While such facts as here related are NOT to be found in the Scriptures as such, the experiences of numerous believers down through the Christian ages from New Testament times, demonstrate the truths as here related.

The spirit of anger or wrath resident in a believer's life, IF NOT addressed, will act or function as a stumbling block against godly righteousness becoming prevalent in the believer's life because IF this spirit of anger or wrath is not addressed forthwith and removed or put to death, (in accordance with **Romans 8:13**) in the believer's life, this deadly spirit of anger will cause many other serious problems to become manifested. Consider the following Scriptures - **Proverbs 10:12** – *“Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.”* In this Scripture of truth the deadly sin of hatred is directly related to anger, strife or wrath. Therefore it becomes clear that un-confessed or un-crucified anger (or wrath or strife) in a believer's life can lead to a certain degree of hatred or bitterness arising in his/her heart and mind. Therefore it ought to be realised by all believers that a prevalent, uninhibited, unrestrained

It is a biblical fact born out in all reality that a satanic foothold IF not challenged MAY develop into a satanic “stronghold” or even a stranglehold.

spirit of anger in any believer's life will undoubtedly lead to other no less serious problems – we will say more on this matter in a moment.

Furthermore, consider **Proverbs 19:19** which declares *“A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.”* This vital and important spiritual verse simply means that an angry man (or woman) will NOT change unless there is a complete and final dealing of that anger. The spirit of anger can and will **remain** in that believer's life UNLESS it is cast out (rooted out, plucked out) by the Spirit of the Living Lord. The experiences of many believers has demonstrated that this spirit of anger may remain quiet, even hidden or somewhat asleep for some time, even years deep inside the believer's life and is then suddenly aroused by some agitation or some provocation and then (once again) an explosion of anger and wrath makes its unruly appearance. Thus all believers which have this problem ought to realise that UNLESS serious spiritual deliverance is sought after, their problem will remain and furthermore their problem will most likely become more entrenched given time.

Moreover consider **Proverbs 29:22** which clearly declares *“An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.”* All believers ought to understand that IF they do NOT address their spirit of anger, other sins will arise and abound in their lives which they may NOT be aware of. A careful consideration of this verse teaches us that the spirit of anger operating in any believer's life unopposed opens the door as it were to other serious fleshly attributes. This fact is NOT really surprising considering the nature and character of anger.

We can fairly say then that a believer with an unopposed spirit of anger resident within their life is spiritually flawed, (that is, until such time as successful deliverance is ministered), by virtue of several transgressions of general rebellion and sin being present in that Christian's life. In effect the said believer is in complete **revolt** against the Living Lord, and yet, as we have affirmed before, many of these believers may NOT even be aware of their ongoing spiritual plight.

Now it would profit us to consider **Proverbs 21:19** which declares the following – *It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.* A related Scripture is as follows – *It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house* see **Proverbs 21:9**.

In a consideration of these important verses we may NOTE the following –

(a) Any believer with an unchallenged resident spirit of anger within will probably be difficult to live with on a permanent basis. Sooner or later their will be a clash, for this spirit of anger will surely eventually be provoked. When it is remembered that any Christian having resident this spirit of anger will be in general transgression against the Lord, a clash of spirits is inevitable.

(b) Generally speaking “contention” will soon be manifest within the lives of those poor souls with a resident spirit of anger – anger and contention seem to be related somehow. Now most believers, especially those Christians who have a tendency to be contentious, DO NOT KNOW what being contentious is – thus please allow us to here explain just what being contentious is, then we will understand just how difficult it is to live and dwell with a contentious man or woman permanently {see **Proverbs 21:19**}. Generally speaking any believer who has a resident spirit of anger in their lives is often knowingly or unknowingly contentious. To be contentious is to often make remarks that may - or definitely will cause disagreement or argument; it is that exhibition of a wearisome tendency to quarrel or dispute even about the most insignificant matters. Numerous believers are contentious; it is alas a common problem amidst the congregations of the Lord. PRIDE is the root cause of contention. Here in Holland (the country wherein this manuscript was written) contention is VERY common. The Entire nation IS STEEPED IN PRIDE. Several other nations have the selfsame problem. Thus we have a situation within the lives of thousands of Christians wherein contention is present, but these same believers seem to believe that it's quite normal – many matters bother them, matters or issues that are

NOT of the slightest importance spiritually yet these contentious Christians think that their personality (marred or leavened with the spirit of contention) is just ordinary.

Believers with this tendency NOT only have the spirit of anger residing within them but they are generally if not predominantly “in the flesh” and thus cannot help themselves.

(c) It is exceedingly wearisome to try and live with a contentious woman (or for that matter a contentious man). Thus many marriages or relationships soon collapse because of the presence of this awful spirit of contention which is a direct or indirect fruit of the presence of PRIDE which is a direct or indirect fruit of the presence the spirit of anger.

(d) Contentious souls are often completely unaware that they have this tendency to be contentious just as these selfsame souls may NOT be aware of the presence of the spirit of anger in their lives. So when you challenge them concerning their contentious tendency, they thus get annoyed which only demonstrates their spiritual instability.

Now let us carefully consider **Proverbs 15:18** which declares *“A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.”* As we have before affirmed a believer who has a resident spirit of anger has a tendency under certain conditions to stir up strife, they have a tendency to be contentious amidst certain well defined conditions, but a Christian who is NOT easily provoked can often be used to help deliver the contentious one. This Scripture teaches that the best person to deal with the poor soul who is plagued with anger is a person who has a soft spirit and is SLOW to anger.

In **1 Corinthians chapter 13** are listed some (not all) of the attributes of a brother or sister who is spiritual - that is a believer who is living dwelling and abiding in the blessed realm of the Spirit of the Living Lord. Such a one is – *“NOT easily provoked”* {see verse 5 of **1 Corinthians 13**} thus such a one can easily be used in a spirit of quietness and calmness to appease those believers who easily get angry or irritated – indeed this is one of the first steps of deliverance for angry believers. The one ministering deliverance sits the angry one down and in a calm quiet spirit ministers to him or her help – the angry one is put at ease and hopefully listens as the patient calm one speaks in gentle terms on how the angry one needs help to be delivered.

Another Scripture worthy of note is **Proverbs 16:28** which we must now briefly consider. Sadly and regrettably there are numerous fraudulent believers in our times, indeed one of the major characteristics of our End-times is false brethren. They appear truthful and sincere; they speak all the right words – Kingdom words, most of the time. They have a form of godliness, they even display a form of spiritual courtesy and gracefulness but in all reality they are false.

Sooner or later their TRUE nature will be exposed insomuch as they will be found out. They will be responsible for sowing seeds of strife amidst the assemblies of the redeemed. They will soon be found out to be ardent gossipers and slanderers, and anger, bitterness and shocking behaviour will soon be observed. Our counsel to you, IF peradventure you happen to meet one of these false brethren is – “From such turn away”. Have NO fellowship with them, and then quietly pray for them.

It will also profit us greatly to speak a little of **Proverbs 16:32** which says – *“He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.”* – Any believer that is slow to anger has either learned to rule his spirit or is of a calm and quiet disposition in the first place. Let us consider this fact for a moment. We are considering here the spirit of anger – we are NOT CONSIDERING here Christian souls who have a calm and quiet disposition (nature or temperament) which is an entirely different matter.

Thus it is important to consider here how many believers have a problem ruling or controlling their own spirit. To have complete control over one’s own spirit at all times is to be considerably spiritually mature. Such Christians are rare; it is NO easy matter to control one’s spirit under all (or any) situations and circumstances. Most believers are easily ruffled, irritated, frustrated, angered or exasperated. [It takes time to enter fully into the reality of **1 Corinthians chapter 13.**]

Any Christian who is even slightly ruffled, annoyed, snappy, irritated or cantankerous is IN the flesh and is consequently “out of order” spiritually speaking; [it is taken for granted here that most, if NOT all our readers are acquainted with the fundamental Biblical FACT that there is a “walking”, “living”, and “abiding” IN the glorious realm of the Spirit of the Living Lord as opposed to a walking, living and abiding in the unprofitable, ugly, even dangerous realm of the FLESH].

The truth of the Scripture under consideration is exceedingly important – in the eyes of the Living Lord, a so-called mighty general of war who even takes a great city after a long and terrible siege is NOT greater than a lonely believer who has learned how to keep his own spirit in order under even great stress, complete chaos, or total madness.

The comments upon **Proverbs 16:32** by the able English Presbyterian minister, Matthew Henry (1662-1714) are so excellent we have printed them here – we humbly advise the reader to carefully read these comments several times. --- *This recommends the grace of meekness to us, which will well become us all, particularly the hoary head, Pro 16:31. Observe, 1. The nature of it. it is to be slow to anger, not easily put into a passion, nor apt to resent provocation, taking time to consider before we suffer our passion to break out, that it may not transgress due bounds, so slow in our motions towards anger that we may be quickly stopped and pacified. It is to have the rule of our own spirits, our appetites and affections, and all our inclinations, but particularly our passions, our anger, keeping that under direction and check, and the strict government of religion and right reason. We must be lords of our anger, as God is, Nah 1:3. Aeolus sis, affectuum tuorum - Rule your passions, as Aeolus rules the winds. 2. The honour of it. He that gets and keeps the mastery of his passions is better than the mighty, better than he that by a long siege takes a city or by a long war subdues a country. Behold, a greater than Alexander or Caesar is here. The conquest of ourselves, and our own unruly passions, requires more true wisdom, and a more steady, constant, and regular management, than the obtaining of a victory over the forces of an enemy. A rational conquest is more honourable to a rational creature than a brutal one. It is a victory that does nobody any harm; no lives or treasures are sacrificed to it, but only some base lusts. It is harder, and therefore more glorious, to quash an insurrection at home than to resist an invasion from abroad; nay, such are the gains of meekness that by it we are more than conquerors.*

The author of this writing makes the following comments: – Any believer who is apt to easily get provoked, irritated or angered (especially if situations and circumstances tend to grind against the opinions and ideas of that believer) is also apt to have little or NO check upon their numerous appetites, affections or inclinations. We again declare – any resident spirit of anger within the life of any believer usually opens up that believer to other sins, and therefore normal spiritual restraints are NOT present in their life, which should be there. Thus the control or check of their own unruly spirits is NOT usually in place – thus laziness, indifference, shoddiness, conceitedness and a host of other fleshly attributes are likely to be present in that believer’s life.

We should quickly add, however, that we cannot expect young immature, inexperienced believers to quickly control their unruly spirits – note carefully **Proverbs 16:31** – We would expect that an older, hopefully more mature brother or sister would be easily able to control their own spirits, but alas in our present times of gross declension, the older believers are also as the young.

Yet another Scripture worthy of careful consideration is **Proverbs 22:24** which declares – *“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go;”*

The teaching of this verse is clear, it is simply spiritually and physically unwise to befriend any man (or woman), Christian brother or otherwise, who has an angry spirit. All may be well for a season if you befriend such a soul, but sooner or later a clash is inevitable, unless the angry one is sincerely interested in deliverance and is seeking your friendship so that you can help them. If you have a believing friend who is prone to outbursts of anger, it is vitally important for you to try and point out and warn to your friend that they have a serious problem that needs addressing. IF peradventure they will NOT heed your warnings, your friendship may well enter stormy seas, but little can be done unless they openly acknowledge they need help.

Certainly have no dealings with a person within whose life resides a spirit of anger, for many business relationships between believers have ended in complete disaster and financial ruin directly related to anger.

A careful study and pondering of the Scripture **2 Peter 2:19** will reveal another important fact - that it is easy to become entangled with certain individuals who are (to begin with) unknowingly corrupt – **2 Peter 2:19** declares – *“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.”* {The reader is well advised to read, re-read and ponder the whole of **2 Peter chapter 2**}

It ought to be realised that many believers unwittingly are overcome by a seducing evil spirit which may lead to a resident spirit of anger or a similar related evil influence in their lives.

Please allow me to give but one example – numerous contemporary believers have become entangled, intertwined and even bonded with certain individuals within the confines of the Church who have ESTABLISHED themselves in some form of corruption. In this example we speak of the current **“Word of Faith” movement** – many well known individuals preach this corruption – numerous believers are caught in the devious web of this corruption and thus open themselves up to other deceitful (even dangerous) spiritual influences. These believers have unwittingly given themselves over to corruption from which they need deliverance – a danger arises when these believers have seemingly given up their “faith” in the Word of Faith movement – they thought they had forsaken this evil doctrine of devils, but often the fruit of this evil tree remains in their lives. Sometimes even years later the fruit of this evil tree can be seen and observed in their lives.

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To bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion – often some besetting sin (such as anger) in a believer’s life, unless challenged outright may be an open door to other corruptions (a little leaven leavens the whole lump). ONE of the principle corruptions of our devious times is the “Word of Faith” movement. As one problem leads to another, it seems common in our times that numerous believers fall headlong into many errors – by virtue of some unchallenged SIN in their lives in the first place.

Literally tens of thousands of current believers fall into the Word of Faith movement as a direct or indirect result of some original SIN problem – for example the SIN of the love of money in many believers’ lives often lead those believers to seek out a so called “righteous way” to become rich. The Word of Faith movement tends to preach the prosperity doctrine insomuch as they declare – that abominable phrase - “Name it and claim it!”

The pathway to deliverance

At least three important matters arise when considering deliverance from the residing spirit of ANGER. ---

- (1) It should be realised that with the departure of this awful spirit of anger from one’s life, several other associated problems will also probably come to an end. The death of the

spirit of anger in a believer's life will most likely be the demise, or at least the loss of power of other similar features in the said believer's life such as irritability, frustration, exasperation, the tendency of annoyance etc. etc.

- (2) It is one matter to be delivered from such a sin as anger, it is other matter entirely to keep one's deliverance – we shall consider this important issue in keeping free from anger in this section of the writing.
- (3) Upon being delivered from anger many believers will awaken to the rather startling fact and realise that their general spiritual walk was hitherto pathetic. Their deliverance will hopefully awaken them to the complete realisation that their lives need a fundamental turnaround.
- (4) Being delivered from any besetting sin is a wonderful step towards entering into complete liberty in accordance with **James 1:25**

The first step towards deliverance from a spirit of anger resident in your life or otherwise is to openly acknowledge your problem and go to prayer. The Scripture makes it quite plain that healing will come by open confession coupled with prayer. **James 5:16 declares** – *“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”* So beloved brother or sister, you who are plagued with this awful spirit of anger, go to your friend, one who is mature and steadfast in the Lord and ask him/her to pray for you on a regular basis until you are delivered from this angry spirit. IF your chosen friend is in fervent righteousness before the Lord and you are willing to be dealt with by the Lord, it will NOT be long before you are healed. Of course it may not be quite so easy to find such a friend, one who is mature spiritually, steadfast and strong in the Lord – and one who is walking and abiding IN the Spirit of the Living Lord. These are difficult times and spiritually mature steadfast believers are hard to find. However do not despair – go to prayer and pray consistently for help from the blessed Lord.

The second step towards complete deliverance from anger is to humble yourself before the Lord and have a willingness to be dealt with directly by the good Lord. Now here may well be your problem; here may be the stumbling block which will prevent you from being delivered. For NOT so many contemporary believers are prepared to enter into the dealings of the Lord. Simple PRIDE may stand in the way of deliverance from anger as numerous Christians assume they are in good standing before the Lord and will NOT therefore commit their lives under the Lord's chastisements.

Thus my friends, you who are troubled with this spirit of anger – try and understand that you need to commit yourself unto the dealings of the Lord, even if such dealings are painful and hard to bear. For sure the activity of certain powers of darkness may well be the principle cause behind your anger. Your anger may well be your unruly flesh activating but be sure that the powers of darkness may, and most likely will take advantage of the situation and enhance the spirit of anger in your life – therefore to enter into complete deliverance from this Spirit of anger you *could be dealing* with the removal of the power base or foothold of the powers of darkness from your life.

Whatever is the case, you need to humbly come before the Lord, admitting your total inability to deal with your situation and be completely willing to receive the Lord's blessed dealings.

Carefully ponder the following Scriptures – *“And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might*

be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 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;” {see Hebrews 12:5-15}.

Alas there are so many Christian souls who, for various reasons, cannot bear to be dealt with by the Lord. And of course, as we have said before, a major stumbling block preventing deliverance from anger or any other besetting sin for that matter, is pride! Many contemporary believers are so convinced that all is well with their spiritual status that they have NO need of deliverance, indeed, they affirm – what do they need deliverance from??? - Sometimes such souls need to be told firmly about their SIN problem even if they claim to have been “in” the Lord for many years.

A further step towards your deliverance from anger (or for that matter any other besetting SIN) is to take the whole matter seriously and put aside all other matters so that you can concentrate on the matter in hand, which is your complete deliverance. Once any believer is illuminated and has knowledge of the fact that they have a serious SIN problem (a besetting sin), then they ought to focus on being delivered – it is a matter of grave concern that numerous Christians are so indifferent, unconcerned, and apathetic and blasé about their ongoing SIN problem. They just continue life as if NOTHING was amiss in their lives and IF peradventure you were to challenge them about their CONTINUING sin problem they get angry or irritated - of course they get angry for they simply do NOT like YOU, of all people to point out to them that they have a problem with sin that they DO NOT LIKE to address for they are lazy and blasé.

Numerous believers with a SIN problem have a tendency to forget or just ignore their problem – this is typical of human nature. For years some Christians are so involved and engrossed with other matters such as sports, hobbies, and world events - their career, family life, children, pleasure seeking etc. etc. that what really matters, their deliverance, is just left untouched.

Other believers just DO NOT really want TO DIE to their particular sin for they like and are comfortable with the way they are. They are at ease with their current spiritual status NOT FOR ONE MOMENT realizing they are in considerable danger. This appalling attitude is common in our times, there are variations of this attitude but whatever is the sad spiritual state of the believer, such an attitude is unacceptable to the Living Lord and therefore needs urgently addressing.

One example of the variation of this sad state of affairs is the believer’s attitude towards SIN in general. Numerous believers simply have an entirely WRONG and erroneous attitude towards SIN. THEY NEVER really repented of their SINFUL life in the first place. In other words, such believers, and there are multitudes of them, have NEVER hitherto had a REAL repentance NOT to be repented of. {Dear reader, please read and re-read several times see 2 Corinthians 7:10 and seriously ponder this vital verse of Scripture}.

Dear Christian reader – let me challenge you; allow me to really draw your attention to the FACT that you may NEVER have had a REAL repentance experience with the Living Holy Lord. And furthermore are YOU aware of the FACT that perchance your inward besetting SINS, YOUR OLD NATURE has never received a deadly blow to put it to death BECAUSE you have never hitherto repented. This matter is so serious please allow the author of this writing to labour this vital issue here a little.

True repentance NOT to be repented of is terribly lacking amidst the assemblies of the redeemed at this precarious time. Few Christians have experienced a heart rending sorrow for their shocking sins

under the conviction of the Living Lord. The principle reason for this shocking state of affairs within the current Church – the total absence of sound Biblical anointed preaching from the pulpit on the subject of SIN and its awful consequences. Because of this it can be fairly declared that numerous, even multitudes of contemporary believers are hardly saved. And as a direct consequence the old nature within the lives of thousands of current believers is very much alive when it should be dead. Furthermore then, most believers are therefore fundamentally flawed, spiritually speaking – is it any wonder then that tens of thousands of current believers have a serious problem with all manner of SIN in their lives. The solution to this prevailing shocking situation – the divine restoration of anointed preaching and the restoration of the true spirit of repentance within the confines of the present Church.

I will give but one example of this common situation – I knew a Christian friend who was overcome with a besetting SIN problem for years, the problem was masturbation, and This Christian brother simply could NOT STOP masturbating each and every night. He was married but the marriage was a complete disaster and this brother was sleeping separately from his wife and had done so for many years. He confided in me that each and every night while in bed he would begin to concentrate his thoughts on the women of his dreams, which was NOT his wife. The outcome was always the same. I challenged him on this continuing SIN which was a mingling of uncleanness, adultery, sexual perversity etc. etc. He had NO idea how to tackle this SIN problem. After many hours of biblical counselling he still could NOT bring himself to FIGHT (with of course the help of the Lord's Spirit) against this shocking besetting SIN problem – He sank into an indifferent defeatist attitude – of course, needless to say the pastor of the local Christian assembly where he attended was in no position to help him. He neither listened to me nor took careful note of the counsel of the Scriptures. He was, and to my knowledge still is overcome and is therefore living in complete defeat.

With all these considerations in mind then we conclude this matter as follows –

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Dear believer, you who are plagued with some sin in your life, and we speak particularly of the sin of anger. You must act, and you must act now! You have a clear responsibility according to the Scriptures to act against your sin. DO NOT procrastinate any longer; put away all excuses, and there will always be excuses, and humbly seek help from, of course, the Lord first and foremost and then a mature Christian friend. **{Two are better than one. See Ecclesiastes 4:9-11}** You need to openly speak of your sin, openly confess your sin **{See James 5:16}** and you urgently need to put aside all other matters and concentrate on what really matters – your complete deliverance from your besetting sin – in the case before us – the sin of anger.

There probably has been a tendency in your life to just ignore your besetting sin – you need to realise that continuing sins in a believer's life that are permitted to remain unchallenged, often lure the Christian into a state of sleepiness, indifference or complacency. Furthermore, the thoughts coming into your head have probably convinced you NOT to be too concerned – such lying thoughts are common but they come from the very pit of hell and they ought NOT to be heeded; indeed they need to be strongly contested. Moreover, human nature being what it is, will let such important spiritual matters as attending to your sin problem just slip away and time will pass and your besetting sins will thus remain.

And besides all these important aforementioned considerations there will probably be some other priority in your life that has taken your attention such as sports, career, children, wife or husband,

money-matters or money-making and a host of other such side-tracks – and believe me my friend these matters can be and usually are sidetracks. Your attention needs to be completely focused upon Jesus Christ and your sin problem that separates you from a close relationship with Him. {Isaiah 59:1-2}

Furthermore, another problem often present in Christian's lives that will definitely hinder deliverance from besetting sins – idols. Now herein is a massive subject, the character of which we will only lightly touch upon here.

Idolatry in one form or another in contemporary believer's lives is common and widespread. Idolisation is particularly common among Christian sisters. I, the author of this writing have seen it scores of times –let us see if I can explain the problem in a few words.

Many current believers idolise something in their lives – An object of extreme devotion is in their lives which is NOT Christ, or Christ like. The true love of their lives can and does take the form of an idol, and numerous current believers have NO idea whatsoever - neither do they seem to be aware that such an idol is in place in their lives. And usually this idol (or two) takes priority over their relationship to Christ. Such a situation, and it is common amidst the World-wide Body of Christ, is dangerous and will have serious spiritual consequences IF NOT addressed. Even one's eternal destiny is in question IF idolisation is NOT completely forsaken. Study the following Scriptures which speak of Idolatry –

1 Samuel 15:23. The book of Acts 17:16. 1 Corinthians 10:14. Galatians 5:20 and Colossians 3:5. We shall comment upon but one Scripture, that of Colossians 3:5 which declares – *“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”* Several exceedingly important matters are spoken of in this verse which are as follows –

(1) Idolatry is a sin which needs to be done to death in any believer's life. This gross sin is NOT to be tolerated in any Christian's life. As we have indicated before, the presence of the spirit of anger in any believer can be the vehicle through which other NO less gross sins gain entry into their life. Idolatry is one such sin.

(2) Management of idolatry in one's life is unacceptable, this sin MUST be completely eradicated, and it must be put to death. Even a remnant of Idolatry must NOT be tolerated in any believer's life.

(3) There are many forms of idolatry, and one of the major problems with this sin is that it is sometimes NOT easily recognized, seen, or understood to be IN a believer's life. The believer is simply NOT aware that idolatry is there in their life. We will give but one example – The author of this writing has had the great honour and privilege of ministering for many months in many churches in India. There in that awful, grossly idolatrous country, numerous Christian pastors idolise their sons. When their wives are pregnant, many of these pastors assume that the child that is to be born is bound to be a son. I have heard them many times declare – “Of course my wife is going to give birth to a son, it is unthinkable that the child will be a daughter.” IF peradventure a daughter is born it is often unloved and unwanted and thus from an early age the daughter suffers from the spirit of rejection. Sons are undoubtedly idolised by the pastors and their families and any attempt to point out this gross sin to the pastor or his wife is met with a strong denial.

(4) Idolatry is **covetousness**, and covetousness is defined as – Having an inordinate (exceeding reasonable limits, excessive) desire for wealth or a certain possession. Many believers unwittingly, unknowingly idolise their children, their possessions, their money, their career, their car, their home and many other similar things.

It's NOT difficult to tell or observe when a Christian has an idol (or two) in their life. Just watch them and listen to their words. Their words betray them, their actions and

behaviour betray them. They speak their heart. IF peradventure their heart is inclined to idolise money, they speak most often of money matters, and if peradventure it's children they idolise, their attention much of the time is drawn to children.

Thus beloved believer, address your problem forthwith, with much prayer and persistence in casting off your spirit of anger by the Spirit of the Living Lord you WILL eventually overcome. But much patience will be required, for to gain the complete victory over your besetting sin will surely take time. Do NOT be dismayed or distressed IF your anger still rises up occasionally. Keep praying and keep watchful and the moment your anger arises deny its place and position in your life and come against it. These aforementioned words of counsel, IF PRACTISED carefully and prayerfully, will enable you to keep your deliverance once freedom has been procured in your life.

May the good Lord then bring freedom, liberty and deliverance to all such struggling Christians at this serious hour – may His mercy, grace and peace be with you all – amen and amen.
