

Talking Back to the Vices (All verses NRSV) Dr. Keith D. Wyma

Talking Back to Wrath

Genesis 49:7

Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

Leviticus 19:18

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalms 30:5

⁵ For [God's] anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Job 19:29

be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, so that you may know there is a judgment."

Psalms 27:9

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Psalms 37:8

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Psalms 78:38

Yet he, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them; often he restrained his anger and did not stir up all his wrath

Psalms 103:8

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

Psalms 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

Proverbs 11:4

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:23

The desire of the righteous ends only in good, the expectation of the wicked in wrath.

Proverbs 12:16

Fools show their anger at once, but the prudent ignore an insult.

Proverbs 14:29

Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

Proverbs 15:18

Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife, but those who are slow to anger calm contention.

Proverbs 16:32

One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city.

Proverbs 19:11

Those with good sense are slow to anger, and it is their glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 22:24

Make no friends with those given to anger, and do not associate with hotheads,

Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives full vent to anger, but the wise quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 29:22

One given to anger stirs up strife, and the hothead causes much transgression.

Proverbs 30:33

For as pressing milk produces curds and pressing the nose produces blood, so pressing anger produces strife.

Proverbs 29:8

Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Do not be quick to anger, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools.

Isaiah 54:8

In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of his possession? He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in showing steadfast love.

Zephaniah 2:3

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath.

Matthew 5:21-24

Jesus said, ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' whoever murders shall be liable to judgment."

²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool," you will be liable to the hell of fire.

²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Romans 5:9

Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

Romans 12:19

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32

²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.

³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 6:4

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:8

But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Timothy 2:8

I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument,

James 1:19-20

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.