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A PSALM TO REMEMBER WHEN I AM ANGRY

Garrett English

In case of an emergency where help is needed beyond what you can provide, one would call the appropriate phone number (e.g. 9-1-1). What about a spiritual emergency? When tempted to stir up wrath quickly or to remain in anger, the writers of the psalms have taught us we should call on God! Anytime emotions overwhelm us we should seek God's help, especially in times when anger rises like a tidal wave. Numerous psalms would help us in this struggle, but one stands out to me: Psalm 37. The thirty-seventh psalm can help us when we are tempted to become angry quickly or if we are tempted to be indignant in an unrighteous way.

What does this psalm tell us to do when we are angry?

First, this psalmist calls us to remember the fruits of anger. He says, "Do not fret, it only causes harm," warning us that anger often leads to harmful things, either for your own soul, the souls of others, or both (v. 8). Note the psalmist's use of "only" shows there is one expected result of being short-fused: harm. Uncontrolled anger and those who are quick to anger will end up causing great harm! The word harm is used for both physical and spiritual harm, and our own experiences likely tell us that physical harm is often a result of uncontrolled anger (1 Sam. 26:21, 1 Chron. 16:22). However, it is most important to understand the spiritual harm that anger causes for our souls and the souls of those around us when we are angry (1 Kings 16:25, Jer. 7:26).

Secondly, this psalmist desires for us to remember the commands of God when we are angry. He says to "depart from evil and do good" (v. 27). Good is defined by God in His Word. Good is obeying His Word and avoiding what God designated as evil. He reminds us that anger can cloud our judgment causing us to forget God's word! When we are angry, let us go to God's Word. Let us notice the psalmist's command to "dwell in the land". What had God told Israel about the land they were in? It belonged to them, not their enemies.

WEATHERING THE STORM: FINDING STRENGTH IN TRIAL & HARDSHIP

Date	Title	Speaker
8-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm By Building on Solid Rock	Joe Ruiz
15-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Storm Strikes Without Warning	Jameson Steward
22-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Clouds Gather	Tommy Haynes
29-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Storm Lasts Longer Than Expected	Chris Perry
5-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm By Remaining Calm in the Midst of the Storm	Cody Westbrook
12-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm By Holding Fast in the Storm	Chris Butler
19-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm Battling the Storm Within	Chad Ramsey
26-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm Light Through the Dark Clouds	Josh Walker
2-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm Because the Storm Refines Us	Andy Brewer
9-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm ... of Opposition	Aaron Gallagher
16-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm By Rising After the Storm	Mark Teske
23-Sep-26	The Storm Weathered: When the Sky Clears	Robert Jefferies

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Essentially, he is telling them to look back to the words of God who promised them this land and how they were given it if they remained obedient. If they would go back to doing good, God would give them the land again. For us, the application is to dwell in the land is to remain walking in the light where no one can take us from the Lord's hand (1 John 1:7-9, John 10:28-29). The psalmist also commands the listener to "commit your way to Him". When we are angry, let us recall we made a commitment to abiding in God's Words—not just one time nor for just one day, but every day of our lives.

Finally, when we are angry, the psalmist instructs us to remember God's Faithfulness in saying, "Trust in the LORD" and "Delight yourself in the LORD" (v. 3-4). When we put our trust in God, we are not trusting our emotions—our anger—to lead us in the right way nor are we trusting ourselves. The psalmist reminds us to shift our focus to the promises of God upon His faithful people. The Israelites would have been reminded of the blessings of following God, and so we also should "feed on His faithfulness" as we take the psalmists desires to heart (Deut. 28:1-14).

When we remember the fruits of anger, the words of God, and the faithfulness of God, we can help our anger subside and strive to produce the fruit of the Spirit. This psalm reminds us that those who faithfully follow God—in this case, those who control their anger—He will preserve and deliver from the evil ones who will be "cut off" in the end (v. 9, 38).

Sunday Sermons

Copy That (AM)

It Is Well With My Soul (PM)

Bible Passages To Consider

"And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth" (Genesis 9:16).

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Dale Shull has been moved out of ICU to a stepdown unit. The family has asked for no visitors at this time. He has an infection that is highly contagious.

Jeff Shull is being treated with medication.

Sarah Hechavarria has learned that she has stage 2 cancer. She is scheduled to begin chemo on September 28.

Joyce Valentine is on Hospice Care.

David Chadwick has an abdominal aneurysm.

Erica Stuckey is improving at home.

Jerry Baird continues to be on oxygen at home.

Lannie Smart, husband of Danna Smart, continues to receive wound care.

Betty Hopper, sister in law of Larry & Elaine Melton, remains in critical condition in Huntsville Hospital.

Julia Ross, mother of Annette Prater, has taken a turn for the worse. She is in the ICU in Jonesboro.

Please continue to remember the following: **Betty Culbreath**, **Lucy Chamberlain**, **Karen Oglesby**, **Don Sykes**, **Meredith Peek**, **Barbara Day**, **Alan & Linda Stone**, **Debbie Shull**, **Pat Pierce**, **Beverly Parnell**, **Jean Jones**, **Dorothy Butler**, & **Rannie Butler** in your prayers.

BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone**; **Pam Eaton**; **Charlene Farris**; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson; **Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh**

Free, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

Lucy Chamberlain; **Debbie Shull**; **Beverly Parnell**; **Pam Eaton**; **Phyllis Smith**, The Gold-ton at Southaven Room #116.

MEN TO SERVE - September 20th, 2026

Preside: Con Lambert

Serve: Steve Fiveash, Tyrone Willingham, Dillan Fiveash, Jack Etheridge, Edwin Reyes, Duane McCrory, Tim Vanderhook, Sammy Terrell

AM Opening Prayer: Tommy Kelley

AM Closing Prayer: Allen Roberts

PM Opening Prayer: Larry Everson

PM Closing Prayer: Jonah Adams

Wed. Opening Prayer: Gary Barch

Wed. Closing Prayer: Joe Ruiz

Announcements: Andy Young

Song Leader: Brian Williams

Scripture Reading: Reed Rister

Security: Michael Gahagan

REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23, 7PM: Robert Jefferies will be our speaker for our Summer Series.

September 27-30: Gospel Meeting at Thyatira. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

September 29, 6:30PM: The Bridging the Gap group will be having a get together in the Fellowship Hall.

October 8, 11AM-1PM: There will be a ladies luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend. For questions see Nina Armstrong.

SEPTEMBER FOOD TEAM

Captain: Peggy Shull

Lisa Dettor, Tracy Klenk, Linda Kirby, Teresa Terrell, Linda Sellers

CONGRATULATIONS

Hunter & Lindsey Means are the proud parents to Lucy, who was born Sunday evening, weighing 7lbs., 4oz. **Fred & Brenda Melton** are the proud great grandparents.

OUR RECORDS

Bible Study	180
A.M. Worship	240
P.M. Worship	150
P.M. Wed. Worship	169
Contribution	\$



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday P.M. Service.....	7:00 p.m.

ELDERS

Gary Barch
Larry Everson
David Rister

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