

The wrath of man and the righteousness of God.

Romans 8:28 “...*God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*” Jas 1:19-20 “..... *everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.*”

In every situation of our lives God is working to accomplish His GOOD will – His RIGHTEOUS PURPOSE in us and for us. When someone has just rejected you, ignored you, or has just run you off the road, God is there to work His righteous purpose into you and into the whole situation. But.....but [your] - our flesh, our anger often works directly against the good purposes of God.

In every situation God has some righteous purpose to accomplish in each of us. Maybe He wants to deal with your pride or selfishness or some ego issue or lack of love that He sees in you. He is also present to work His righteous purpose in the lives of others in your world – [*usually after He has dealt with you*]. When you respond with anger – or just the flesh – the righteous purpose of God is stymied.

In the relative terms of natural menthere is “good flesh” and there is “bad flesh” but from God's perspective all fleshly behavior is sinful.

Personally, I still have a lot of “bad flesh”; it is embarrassing - it stinketh – but worst of all **it inhibits the righteous purposes of God for me, in me, and through me.** I usually quietly cover and bury my anger so that only those who know me well can detect it. But even well-hidden anger “**does not achieve the righteousness of God.**” God sees and knows my hidden anger and other flesh-stuff because He knows everything about me **and** because my unexpressed anger and hidden stuff hinders the righteous work that God desires to do in me - and through me, and in others.

I am reminded of the Proverb which says, “**He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**” [Pro 28:13] The truth of this ancient proverb is just as true and active today. Dealing with the issues of the flesh releases the power, purpose, and provision of God and that is how God, in mercy, prospers us!

His great and consistent desire is to release His blessing into us and those in our world. He desires to touch us physically, spiritually, and in numerous other ways that are far beyond our greatest expectations. But, our sinful flesh hinders those works of grace. There is a better way to live! You would think that

someone as old as I am would be a long way down that road by now.....but.....
one of my strong suits is stubbornness.....or should I say spiritual stupidity?

In light of all this, I am exceedingly thankful for God's patience and wonderful kindness and abundant mercy and faithful persistence in dealing again with me and my flesh. Today, I will cooperate with Him in the situations of life so that His righteousness can be accomplished in me. [Will you, also choose life instead of death?]

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle. Psa 103:1-5

Remembering the goodness of God especially when it rains on my parade.....

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