

## Shalom! Shalom!

Welcome to this moment of growth and understanding regarding our salvation here on earth.

Many people assume that once a person gets saved, their mind is completely wiped clean and transformed into something heavenly immediately. As a result, they believe emotions like **jealousy, anger, wrath, vengeance, bitterness, hatred, sorrow, and fear** should vanish completely. And if those emotions are still present, they conclude that the person hasn't truly become a new creation.

I used to pray earnestly asking God to remove these emotions from me. I was troubled, especially when I felt anger rise up in me as a Christian. At times, I even experienced fear. That made me question if I was genuinely saved.

But as I kept praying without seeing any significant change, the Lord opened my spiritual eyes, and I saw...

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God Placed These Emotions Within Us

I realized I had been asking God to remove things **He Himself had placed in me**, things that are **also present in Him**. The Bible reveals that **God is jealous** (Exodus 20:5), **God avenges** (Deuteronomy 32:35), **God gets angry** (Nahum 1:2), and **God grieves** (Ephesians 4:30). These are not evil traits in themselves; they are **divine attributes** when used in the right way.

We are created **in God's image** (Genesis 1:27). So, the emotional traits we carry are not inherently sinful. God designed them with **a good purpose**, and they are rooted in love.

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#### The Purpose of Emotions Like Jealousy, Fear, and Anger

##### *Jealousy with a Godly Purpose*

Imagine if someone had no jealousy for their spouse. They could watch their wife being abused and feel nothing! But **godly jealousy** compels us to **protect** what we love.

Even Jesus demonstrated **righteous jealousy** when He saw the temple being turned into a marketplace:

*“Then His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.’”*

*John 2:17 (ref. Psalm 69:9)*

Jesus overturned the tables and drove out the money changers. That wasn't sin it was **holy passion**.

Yet today, many Christians feel nothing when the Gospel is corrupted or mocked. But we get jealous when a co worker gets promoted or when neighbors succeed. That is **misplaced jealousy**, and it becomes sinful.

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*Fear A Divine Warning System*

Fear is not evil when used properly. It protects us. If people had no fear at all, society would collapse people would take reckless actions without considering consequences.

But as believers, we are called to **redirect our fear** toward God:

*"But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"*  
*Luke 12:5*

A holy fear of God keeps us from sin. It restrains us from fornication, lying, corruption, and disobedience.

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*Anger Protective and Purposeful*

Anger, when expressed righteously, **protects justice and truth**. If you had no anger at all, people would abuse you and trample on your rights freely. Even **Jesus got angry** He didn't sin, but used anger to confront injustice.

*"Be angry, and do not sin."*  
*Ephesians 4:26*

Anger becomes sin only when it's **misused** when it's directed toward

people rather than evil, or when it leads to violence or bitterness.

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Vengeance Redirecting the Desire for Justice

Vengeance is a strong urge to repay evil. God has placed it in us, but we are not to execute it **our way**. Instead:

*“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, \*‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.’”*  
*Romans 12:19*

Instead of seeking revenge on people, we should use that energy to **fight the works of Satan**. Remember the suffering, confusion, and destruction he caused when you were in sin. Now that you’re saved, you should seek **holy vengeance** by:

- Winning souls to Christ
- Singing praises more than you once sang secular songs
- Sharing the Gospel louder than you once gossiped

Let that drive be your **spiritual revenge**.

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#### Hatred Yes, There Is a Godly Version

God doesn't want you to hate your brother or sister. But there is a **holy hatred** meant for Satan, demons, and all works of darkness:

*"You who love the Lord, hate evil!"*

*Psalms 97:10*

If this hatred is directed correctly, we will **wage war against darkness** by evangelizing, praying, discipling others, and building the Kingdom of God.

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#### Redeem Your Emotions

Don't pray for God to take away your anger, fear, or zeal. He won't. Instead, ask for **wisdom and discernment** so you can use them **as He intended**.

Use every gift and emotion within you to advance the Kingdom of God,

not the kingdom of darkness. Bring every trait under the **Lordship of Christ** and **submit it to His purpose**.

*“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*

*2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)*

May every spiritual trait and divine emotion within you be used **for God’s glory**. Don’t let the enemy hijack what God has given. Instead, **reclaim it, redeem it, and refocus it** for His Kingdom.

Be blessed in Jesus’ Name!

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