

"Is He Still Mad?"

Hebrews 2:17

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I. Propitiation

- A. Through Christ's death, God the Father's anger was pacified.
- B. Some have expressed concern with connecting propitiation with the removal of the Father's *anger* and have raised several questions.

II. Propitiation Questions

- A. Does God get angry at sinners? Yes.

Numbers 11:33 - While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against [the Lord's nose was hot] the people, and the Lord struck the people with a very severe plague.

- B. Was God the Father personally angered at *Jesus* on the cross? No.

Romans 8:3b - ...[God sent] His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh.

- C. Is God's love for sinners absent from propitiation? Quite the opposite.

1 John 4:10 - In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

III. Propitiation Applications

- A. God the Father does not get angry with believers anymore, not even in seasons of discipline.

Hebrews 12:6a - For the Lord disciplines the one he loves...

- B. We must allow our anger toward others to be assuaged since God has done the same for us.

1 John 4:11 - Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.