



When God Scowls

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“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?” (Matthew 23:33)

1. God scowls at obstinate, willful, stubborn
DISOBEDIENCE — because he is JUST
(Psalm 78, Romans 1:18-23).
2. God scowls at the desecration of his TEMPLE — because he is HOLY (John 2:12-16).
3. God scowls at HYPOCRISY — because he is GENUINE (Luke 18:9-14, Matthew 23).
4. God scowls at LEGALISM — because he is MERCIFUL (Mark 3:1-6).
5. God scowls at the misrepresentation of his CHARACTER — because he is JEALOUS (Leviticus 22:32, Mark 10:13-16).

My Next Steps:

- What are the things that God scowls at that I tend to ignore? Make a list. Ponder that list for a few minutes. Allow the Holy Spirit to deal with your heart.
- How does it make you feel that God cares very deeply about how you treat his temple (your body)? What steps can you take to treat it as God’s dwelling place? Name something you can undertake right away.
- What aspect of God’s character would you like to especially demonstrate this week? Tell someone about it. Let them pray for your success.

Pray this prayer:

- Dear Lord, give me the courage to be authentic. Let me realize that humility means being the same on the outside as I am on the inside. Remind me that relationships are more important than rules. Teach me to worship the authentic You, not my own made up picture of who you are. Amen