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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Does God Have Feelings?](#)” is the title of this month’s article by Dr. Ernest L. Martin. It is transcribed from a March 1995 taped lecture. The quick answer to this question is “Yes, God does have feelings.”

God’s Wrath

Dr. Martin does not address one aspect of God’s feelings in his presentation. That is God’s anger. God’s wrath is directed toward sin and evil, toward sinners and evildoers, toward Israel (Deuteronomy 29:27; Jeremiah 44:6; Ezekiel 7:3, 8; Amos 3:2) when they fell away from God’s teachings. The instances of God’s anger in the Old Testament are too numerous to list here. God’s anger is always righteous (Romans 2:5). He puts forth His anger toward those who disobey Him and ignore His mercy.

God told Israel that great evil would result if they disobeyed the covenant they made with Him. Specifically, Israel’s covenant with God forbade them to worship other gods.

“You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For YHWH your God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of YHWH your God be kindled against you, and destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

• **Deuteronomy 6:14–15**

There will be a short period in the future called “the Day of the Lord” or better “the Day of YHWH” when God’s anger will have its greatest expression of fury. Those on earth will see and experience the full range and power of God’s wrath:

“Behold, the day of YHWH comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. ...

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of YHWH of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

• **Isaiah 13:9, 13**

When the truth of the evangel message to His creation is ignored and God’s grace is rejected, He shall express His great anger and wrath at the world (which He shall later save through Christ):

“For God’s indignation is being revealed from heaven on all the irreverence and injustice of men who are retaining [holding back] the truth in injustice, because that which is known of God is apparent among them, for God manifests it to them. ...

But after your hardness and impenitent heart treasure [store] up unto yourself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds.”

• **Romans 1:18–19, 2:5–6 Concordant Version**

God’s wrath is mentioned several times in the New Testament, even in the Mystery epistles. We should avoid His anger: Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6; Hebrews 3:11, 4:3, 10:31, 12:29; Revelation 6:16–17, 14:10–11, 15:1, 7, 16:19, and 19:15. He chastens those He loves and scourges His children (Hebrews 12:6).

As a parent I do not remember being angry with either of my daughters very often. Even when they did nothing wrong and they were hurt I became angry, perhaps even more so than when they were hurt through

disobedience. It is silly, I know, but I hated to see them be hurt in any way. I still do.

God our Father is like any parent. He gets angry when His children disobey, particularly when their disobedience results in harm, both as individuals and collectively as His people Israel and His *ekklesia*, the body of Christ. God controls His anger (thankfully!), as Paul says we should be able to control our anger:

“Be you angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: ...

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you,
[along] **with all malice.”**

• *Ephesians 4:26, 31*

To close, let me suggest that you read this month’s presentation with another controversial article by Dr. Martin titled “[The Bodily Composition of God](#)” which answers the question, “Does God have a body?” Yes, God has a spiritual body that appears (if we could see spirit) much like our physical body in image and likeness. You, like Adam and Eve, were created in God’s image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). Through our first parents that image and likeness was transferred to all, including you and me (Genesis 5:3).¹

God’s anger is a strong feeling and emotion that He controls perfectly. His anger is not symbolic or poetic license. It is real emotion expressed by a personality. God gets angry, just as Jesus was angry when He healed a man with a withered hand (Mark 3:1–6), and when He cleansed the Temple (John 2:13–25).

Thank You

In the 1992 movie *Patriot Games*, the hero Jack Ryan is asked:

Admiral Greer: “Excuse me, Jack, tell me one thing in life that is absolutely for certain.”

Jack Ryan: “My daughter’s love.”

That sentiment struck a chord with most everyone who watches that film. Yet there is another thing more important that is **“absolutely for certain.”** That is God’s love for you. That is certain; that is sure.

How could anyone ever be certain of God’s love if they believe in a doctrine of an everlasting hell? Would a God who loves you put you through torture for eternity? Such torture was never in God’s plan. Hell, as conceived by aberrant and unbiblical Christian theology, does not exist. What God planned from the beginning was salvation:

“Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things ...; But [you were redeemed] with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world [*kosmos*], but was manifest in these last times for you.”

• *1 Peter 1:18–20*

ASK teaches the truth that God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten son **“... that the world [*kosmos*] through him might be saved”** (John 3:16–17, 1 Timothy 4:10). If you help ASK continue to make that information available to the world through your prayers, encouragements, and contributions, then we thank you. If you are not helping us continue this effort then let me invite you to do so. Please help us to help others while you help yourself, while ASK continues to provide quality biblical information and research. Again, thank you if you already do this.

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¹ When anyone first considers the words **“image and likeness,”** their first thoughts are of a similarity in shape and form. Yet most all scholarly discussions of God’s “image and likeness” dismiss any such idea that God has a body. Scholars go outside of Scripture to philosophy or reason to explain how Moses meant that God’s **“image and likeness”** was something ethereal or psychic. God can only be known by His revelation of Himself through Christ and Scripture.