

PROPITIATION: PROPITI...WHAT???

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **1 John 2:2** And he is the **propitiation (ἱλασμός)** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Propitiation:

Deals with anger

And anger being satisfied / placated / appeased

And we don't like anger and rarely understand propitiation!

What does propitiation mean?

1. God is **angry** with / at us → **personally!**

Psalm 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: And my sin is ever before me. **Psalm 51:4** **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, And done this evil in thy sight:** That thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, And be clear when thou judgest.

Psalm 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, **And God is angry with the wicked every day.**

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; **but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

Romans 1:18 **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,** who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh **the wrath of God** upon the children of disobedience.

Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake **the wrath of God** cometh on the children of disobedience:

Ezekiel 7:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. **Ezekiel 7:6** An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come. **Ezekiel 7:7** The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains. **Ezekiel 7:8** **Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.** **Ezekiel 7:9** And mine eye shall **not** spare, **neither** will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; **and** ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth.

Revelation 14:10 **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Revelation 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it **into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; **for in them is filled up the wrath of God.** **Revelation 15:7** And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials **full of the wrath of God,** who liveth for ever and ever.

Revelation 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials **of the wrath of God** upon the earth. **Revelation 16:19** And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her **the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: **and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

2. God's anger is **not** **exactly** like our anger!

Man's anger is normally...

How could this have anything to do with God?

God's anger:

- Is a settled anger
- A settled opposition to our sin & sinfulness

➤ **A settled disposition / attitude toward our sins**

Isaiah 28:21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, **That he may do his work, his strange work; And bring to pass his act, his strange act.**

3. God's anger is certainly not like “animistic spirits / forces!”

Regardless of the name...

Those “gods” cannot really be known & are highly unpredictable, fickle, changeable, variable, volatile, erratic... Our “job” is to placate / pacify / satisfy those spirits → through many means:

2 Kings 3:24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, **so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country.** **2 Kings 3:25** And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it. **2 Kings 3:26** **And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him,** he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not. **2 Kings 3:27** **Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall.** And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

4. God's anger is only & always about our sin!

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A settled disposition about our sin!

A settled attitude concerning our sin!

A settled opposition to our sin!

5. God's anger must be satisfied / appeased!

6. We cannot satisfy God's anger ourselves!

7. God satisfied His own anger by sending His son to the Cross!

1 John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, **because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.** **1 John 4:10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation (ἱλασμόν) for our sins.**

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Exodus 25:17 And thou shalt make **a mercy seat (ἱλαστήριον)** of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

Exodus 25:18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of **the mercy seat (τοῦ ἱλαστηρίου).**

Exodus 25:19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of **the mercy seat (τοῦ ἱλαστηρίου)** shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

Exodus 25:20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering **the mercy seat (τοῦ ἱλαστηρίου)** with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward **the mercy seat (τὸ ἱλαστήριον)** shall the faces of the cherubims be.

Exodus 25:21 And thou shalt put **the mercy seat (τὸ ἱλαστήριον)** above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

Exodus 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above **the mercy seat (τοῦ ἱλαστηρίου)**, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 31:7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and **the mercy seat (τὸ ἱλαστήριον)** that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

Exodus 35:12 The ark, and the staves thereof, with **the mercy seat (τὸ ἱλαστήριον)**, and the vail of the covering,

The cross becomes the place of turning away God's wrath!

Christ shed blood on the cross becomes the means of turning away God's wrath on the cross!