

# Not A Tame God

*The Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice. How blessed are those who long for Him . . . . . Behold, the name of the Lord comes from a remote place, His anger is burning and the smoke from it is thick and dense. He speaks from indignation, and His tongue is like a consuming fire, His breath like an overflowing torrent.*

*Isaiah 30:18 & 27*

## Isaiah Chapter 30

- **The text**

- Grounds for judgment, 1-5.
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- The delusion, chaos and confusion, 6-11.
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- Judgment and penalty, 12-17.
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- Yet, the overriding compassion of God, 18-26.
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- The rage of the Lion, 27-33.
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- God is patient, not a cosmic pansy.
- He is just, not capricious.
- He is the final authority.
- The harsh reality of a righteous God.

- **Application: what does this say to us?**

- The world today.
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- Principal and integrity.
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- Christianity.

- Who was this message written to?
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- What is that to us?
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- Verse One message.
    - Who and what are the “Rebellious children?”

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  - If one “adds sin to sin”, and we start with the first sin, Pride, then what is added to it?
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- **Distilling this into one easy to spell, highly portable problem.**
  - It seems to always get around to the issue of “My way or God’s way.”
    - Many refuse to hear God’s way.
    - Many are too busy to hear it.
    - Many reject God’s way.
    - Many are negotiating for credit.
      - Just gimme a little longer.
    - And many attempt to redefine it.
      - “How could a loving God, if he exists, ever allow this world as it is?”
  - **If life were a basketball game, then the cheerleaders could just chant “gimme a P-R-I-D-E.**
- *If it were so easy, that is to recognize that pride is the ultimate enemy of rightness and true righteousness, which is embodied in the humility of the person of Christ, then it would have been dispensed with long ago. Yet, despite all our talking about it, pride still pervades even the highest of callings and the holiest of tasks. We delude ourselves with a sense of special-ness, as if we were the only ones that God truly cares about, and we go about our lives as if there were nothing else more important. Yet sometimes, rarely, some human, a creation of God almighty, sees through the delusion and recognizes the truth of his own limited existence and power, and submits his or her entire will and being to the care of God alone.*

