

Lesson 17

Promise: God is Slow to Anger

<Main Theme>

We have fears, worries, limitations, and sinful responses, and these often are the occasion for other people to get angry or lose patience with us. But God's response is so different from people's response. He responds with patience and is slow to anger. He doesn't vent in frustration, but responds with steadfast love. He remembers that we are "dust."

Though God would be justified to repay us according to our sin, He doesn't. His heart is always to forgive, restore, strengthen, and help. What an amazing God of steadfast love we have.

Each day we should be amazed at the patience of God. How different our lives would be if God were not slow to anger. This is underserved grace. What a precious promise to His children is God's promise to be slow to anger.

<Main Idea>

- God has compassion on us, remembering that we are dust.
- God is slow to anger and patient with His children.

<Main Verses>

- Psalm 103:13-14, Exodus 3-4:17, Mark 15:16-37, Luke 23:26-46, Psalm 103:8-10, and Psalm 86:15

<Memory Verse>

"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." (Psalm 86:15)

<Key thought>

God understands our weakness and is slow to anger with His children.

<The Keywords that need to share>

1) Weakness

: What are some of our weaknesses? We are not only weak physically but our sin nature makes us weak in character; gives us wrong motives and wrong desires; and enslaves us to sin.

We strengthen our faith by remembering God's promises and speaking them to our souls, we pray reminding the Lord of His promises to us, and we put our trust in the character of God who is able and will keep all His promises.

2) God's Compassion

: How does God respond to weakness in His children? God is patient and gracious with His children. Instead of getting mad, He is eager to help them.

3) Slow to Anger

: God is slow to anger. He is patient and wants to help us with our weaknesses. Let's thank God that He is slow to anger and He loves to help His children.

* Please read the Main idea first and read the main theme and the main verses. Then, share the keywords that need to share. Then, read and try to understand this week's Memory Verse.