

Daily Devotional, January 8, 2021

“Be Angry, And do not Sin”, (Psalm 4:4, NKJV)

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The nation mourns today over yesterday’s events which occurred at the Capitol in Washington DC. Unruly individuals engaged in criminal behavior there, which is never acceptable. It remains to be seen who these folks in DC were, whether they were supporters of the President, opportunists, or enemies of the President planted there for a purpose. Criminal behavior is not acceptable in DC, in Portland, Seattle, Providence, Minneapolis, or anywhere else as a means to seek redress for a grievance.

All of this having been said, it is alright to be angry. Righteous anger over sin, for instance the murder of unborn babies, is legitimate. Sometimes there is anger over a perceived wrong, and that is an emotion that must be worked through and come to terms with. According to polls, as much as a third of the country believes that fraudulent criminal conduct changed the outcome of the Presidential election. Many of these same folks, and perhaps even others, lament the socialistic policies of some of those who may soon rise to powerful positions in our national government. These concerns should not be dismissed lightly. Maybe I am writing and speaking to you. Or maybe I am writing and speaking to someone who sees any of this kind of thinking to be unreasonable. May all of us who name the name of Christ take a step back and heed the words of King David in this Psalm. *“Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.”* Let us not engage in sinful conduct, whether it be sins of the tongue or criminal mischief. *“Meditate within your heart”* what response might please Jesus Christ your Lord and your God. *“Be still.”* Maybe take a step back, shut the news off, and double your prayer time today. Be a witness for Christ through all of this, and watch your testimony. The world is watching. Have you not seen the level of vitriol that is poured out against others, even from those in the media? Don’t get on board with that. And remember, no matter what happens, or what side you are on, *“put your trust in the LORD.”* After all of these things have come and gone, even your life, it is faith in God and living for Him that matters. Eternally. *“Be angry, and do not sin.”* God’s peace be upon you today and in days to come.