

Daily Devotion For June 1, 2020

²⁶ **“In your anger do not sin”**^[d]; Do not let the sun go down while you are still **angry**, ²⁷ and do not give **the devil** a foothold. ²⁸ **Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer**, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” Ephesians 4:26-28

The death and killing of George Floyd one week ago has caused an outrage of anger in Minneapolis and from shore to shore. Watching the protest get out of hand to lootings, shootings, and vandalism is difficult for anyone to watch. Yet, is the anger justified? I’m not one to say that the anger across the country is not justified. Time after time we have seen how Black Americans have been the victims of racism, not only by police but by everyday citizens. In 1994, I served on a jury panel at the Criminal Courts Building in Los Angeles that involved an African American and police officers. In the jury room, there were comments from Black jurors that wanted the officers charged with crimes and said, “you don’t know what it is like to live in our community.”

The apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:26-28, that it is okay to be angry. Yet that anger should not lead to sin. That the sun should not go down on our anger. Paul also wrote that we should not give the devil a foothold. As we have been studying the book of Job, we see that there is a spiritual battle that is taking place for the heart and soul of America. Nothing would make Satan happier than to destroy the lives of Christians and our country.

Today, take time to reflect on the question on how do you deal with anger? Does Satan have a role behind your anger? How do you feel about what is taking place in our country? Also, what should we keep in mind concerning anger and stealing?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Take time to praise God for being a Sovereign God who is in control of all things. Ask the Lord to sovereignly intervene on behalf of our nation, to bind the work of the Devil, and to bring healing and peace to our nation. Take time to review the updated prayer fuel. God Bless!