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# I want to KNOW YOU: the Attributes of God

## WRATH

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**LESSON 14** *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight was most valuable to you in knowing God better as your **Helper**?
  
2. Pray and ask God to give you a coachable and teachable heart as you study the “not-so-popular” Attribute of His **Wrath** in **Psalm 106**.
  - a) Use a dictionary to define **wrath**.
  
  - b) Do you think that God’s **wrath** is different than human **wrath** or **anger**? Explain.

Note: **Psalm 106** gives a history of Israel’s continual rebellion despite God’s goodness. It was written as a declaration of national repentance when they were freed from their 70 year exile.

3. As you read **Psalm 106:1-6**, which expression of praise *and* of humility resonates with you and why?

Note: The Psalmist recounts how his ancestors had “done wrong and acted wickedly” (**V6**) during three distinct periods of Israel’s history.

### FIRST PERIOD: ISRAEL'S TIME IN EGYPT AND THE EXODUS

4. How were their sins described in **106:7** (for more details, see **Exodus 14:10-12**)?
  
5. Read **106:8-11**. How did God respond to their sins, and what does that reveal about Him?
  
6. In **106:12**, what’s noteworthy about the Israelites’ ultimate response at the Red Sea, especially in contrast to **V7**?

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SECOND PERIOD: ISRAEL'S 40 YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS

7. Read **106:13-15** with **Numbers 11:4-6, 31-33**, and describe what the Israelites did to **anger** God and the consequences He gave.
  
8. What new sin(s) surfaced in **106:16-18** (see also **Numbers 16**), and why do you think God gave such a serious punishment?
  
9. a) **106:19-22** describe one of the most famous sins in the Israelite's history (**Exodus 32:1-6**). Put this event in your own words.  
  
b) In **106:23** Moses interceded on behalf of the Israelites as God's **Wrath** burned. Read **Exodus 32:7-14** for more insight. For what person or situation will you intercede as Moses did? Explain. (See also the prayer in **Habakkuk 3:2**, "in **wrath** remember mercy")
  
10. From **Psalms 106**, what further evil did the Israelites engage in:
  - **V24-27 (Numbers 13:1-2, 31-14:4)**
  
  - **V28-31 (Numbers 25:1-13)**
  
  - **V32-33 (Numbers 20:2-13)**

THIRD PERIOD: ISRAEL'S TIME IN THE PROMISED LAND

11. To what horrific level of depravity did the Israelites fall in **106:34-39**?
  
12. a) What were the consequences the Israelites endured in **106:40-43**?  
  
b) Do you think that God was right to be **angry**? Why or why not?

c) What amazes you about God's response to His people in **106:43-46**?

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13. In **Psalm 106** we've come to know Him better as a God of **wrath**, yet because of Jesus' sacrifice we don't have to endure the fullness of His **wrath**.

a) What in the following verses do you find encouraging and/or sobering:

- **John 3:36**
  
- **Romans 5:8-9**
  
- **Ephesians 2:3-5**
  
- **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

b) **Psalm 103:8-12** gives another perspective on God's **anger**. Which phrase warms your heart the most and why?

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1. a) We learned a lot about God's **wrath** and **anger**. Read the following verses and consider what they say about our **wrath** or **anger**.

**Proverbs 15:1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 12:19** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 4:26-27** \_\_\_\_\_

**James 1:19-20** \_\_\_\_\_

b) Which of these verses convicted or encouraged you the most and why?

2. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

b) Form a prayer from any part of this Lesson on God's **wrath**

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**PRAYER REQUEST**