We all can be upset sometimes. It is human. But why is it not wise and in a way it doesn’t make sense to be upset with God? People might tell us that it is something normal or that God needs to be blamed for all of their troubles and unhappy moments, but many times people do that and don’t even know properly God or don’t know Him at all. There are even some people claiming to be atheists, but still blaming God for things and think of punishing Him in a way by not believing in Him and try to fight against Him by discrediting His existence. Deep inside no one actually can say that hundred percent surely there isn’t God.

We all know that there is something beyond, something that is unknown to us. Some of us know Him, because one day we have believed and repented, and others actually haven’t known Him in a clear way yet, but their soul and subconscious instead know well that there is something there, that there is a God. Just by the fact that when some problem occurs and people get upset and blame God, means that deep inside they know about His existence. But He is not to be blamed of course.

What we will see now are the reasons for which we mustn’t get upset with God and we will see also why is it pointless, I mean that there is no reason at all for us to do that and at the end it is only us loosing out of it. The purpose of the enemy (the devil) is that we find reasons to rebel against God and get upset with Him. All of this is because the devil doesn’t want us to get saved and he wants us also to follow him down to the pit of the hell. That’s why he’s been always desiring to interrupt the relation between God and man. It was in this way since Eden when he managed to deceive Adam and Eve.

1. Why is it not wise to get upset with God? Because many times the conclusions and the reasons we have to get angry with Him, don’t have a foundation and a reason. Most of the people get upset with Him, because of certain situations they are going through life and not knowing really God, makes them to think that He is doing something to them or He is the reason of their problems. The truth instead is that there is an evil in this world and many times we as people are the main reason for it, meaning that our own decisions lead us toward it. We are responsible for our own decisions and we pay the consequences for them. Many times it is easy just to blame someone else and to blame God for all the troubles we have or we are going through, while we maybe haven’t listened to His warnings before undertaking something or taking the wrong path. We never cared for what He says in His word, but when the trouble came, which is the fruit of our own actions, we are quick to blame Him.

“Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. **Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded**, because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

“**Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me**. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, they would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”” Proverbs 1:23-33

Here in this passage says clearly that because of people’s negligence to listen God’s counsel, when troubles come, He will also not listen to them.

There is also the parable of the tares in Matthew 13:24-30 saying that there were tares sown amongst the good seed and these tares represented the troubles and the scandals in this world. But there is a particular part of it that we many times miss out and this is that this happened while men fell asleep.

“Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way**.” Matthew 13:24,25

This means that the field was entrusted to them. They had to watch over it. God had entrusted things to man since the very beginning when He placed Him as a responsible of the garden of Eden. He had to give names to all the creatures there and in a way had to take care for it. Then after that moment, till today, He still continues to entrust us with responsibilities. We are also responsible for our own hearts today, to protect them from all the things that can harm them. We surely can’t do that without His help which is the most important. So we conclude that each person is responsible for the troubles around him and if he is not involved directly with all the troubles happening in his life, then maybe some other person is, because the things someone does and the decisions he takes, influence and hurt other people around him too. All of this happens because we live in corrupt with the sin world, but everyone, including us, is corrupt.

God had established things to work in this way and He doesn’t interfere with this corruption, because if He comes to deal now with the present situation at once, then maybe no one will escape, as everyone is a sinner. That’s why He is having patience at the moment with all people instead of interfering directly to prevent the evil, as in His eyes many things could be evil and He has reserved a day in which He will judge everyone. If He is patient now, it is because He waits for people to repent. That’s why He sent His son to die for the sins of the humanity and shows mercy and patience to all.

That’s why we live in this world where we bear the consequences of our decisions. God had left us on our selves, if we can say so, and on this foundation, He will judge the humanity one day. Those who believe will also go through troubles throughout this life, but will have His guidance and His consolation next to them. They will also understand in part the purpose of what is happening around them, as God is capable to use the troubles and the complications for something good. This happens to the believers and that’s why they see a good God acting in the midst of this corruption and chaos created by our decisions and ways. He can still make something good out of it.

2. The other thing or better said, the other attribute of God that we need to know, is that God is a God of order and He also reacts with everything according to this order.

“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.” 1 Corinthians 14:33

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:40

Here in these verses and in their context, it speaks about the order regarding the prayers in the churches, but we can see the character of God in general, that He is not an author of confusion, but of peace.

He is so high and so elevated that we can not even grasp a glimpse of this greatness, but still He is involved in the least of the details and this is us included, as He cares for everything and this also makes part of His nature which is having to do with order and (this justice we are taking about). Many of the things He does are having to do with that. He can not bear any sin or the minimum disorder happening anywhere. If any disorder is left as it is at the moment, and this is what mainly is happening in this world, it is for the reason we said before. It is because God is patient and instead of sorting everything out now, as He is supposed to do, He sent His son to pay for the debt and the sin, so that people can be saved and opportunity to be given to many, even if we know that not everyone will accept it.

According to His order, according to what is right, He had to let us pay now, but He decided instead to suffer and to pay for the sin. This sacrifice He did, just confirms His nature of order. Because if He could have just decide deliberately not to let us pay, then He was going to do it, but the question here is that He can not go against His nature and just decide something as many people think of Him, that He can just decide to do anything. Yes indeed He can decide things, but everything He does will be based on His justice. He couldn’t leave the sin unpunished and unpaid. He couldn’t do that because of His nature. He is having principles that He can not override. He can not contradict Himself and His principles. We can say that He is submitted to Himself. That’s why He sent His son. Because He couldn’t just decide to forget about sin (which can be defined as disorder in front of God), someone had to pay. If not us, then His Son.

He did this for love. We are not speaking here for things that He likes or not. These are laws that can not be changed in front of Him. I am speaking about His justice. The idea that He decides things based on what He likes and just chooses, can make people to get upset with God, imagining Him as a mere man that sits on his throne and just decides what to do next based on what he likes and changes His mood as he wants to. No! God can not be compared to some of the judges or rulers here on earth. He is not an old man with a white beard sitting on His throne. He is much, much more than that and we need to fear Him with a deep respect. When we say that He is not like a man taking decisions based on what he likes, we are speaking about a man with a wrong and sinful judgement based on his selfishness. God doesn’t do it in this way. He obviously likes and dislikes things, but all of this is entirely based on His justice, meaning that He cannot like something wrong.

He is also not pleased when someone gets lost. He doesn’t want to send people to hell. That’s why He sent His Son to die. He wants to be on our side, but sadly some people will get lost and will go there as they will reject His gift. Then He will cry for them as He will not be definitely pleased with that. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do…” (Luke 23:34) This was the desire and the petition of Jesus, while dying on the cross. We can see His heart and intention here.

The relation or the reaction God is having with sin is to take it away completely from the picture as He can not stand it. There is nothing impure in Him and nothing impure can stand in His sight. It is the same as when we pass by some place with a heavy rotten smell and we can not stand it. We **automatically** turn our head away. It is a reaction that takes a place. Same is God with the sin. He can not stand it by nature, not because He just decided so, even if in the same time we can say that He decided it, but with a decision entirely based on His nature, which is justice and order. And He is doing all of this with a good purpose because His purpose is always perfect and always good, because He is God. There are things that He can not go against to.

Maybe for a while He is withholding His justice and judgement now and it looks like He is going against His principles, but this is just for a time and it came with a price as He had to sacrifice His only Son for this to be possible, so that He can withhold His justice and to give opportunity to sinners to repent, because His judgement was poured on the Son on the cross. He who is the most and only innocent died. Something unjust happened to Him without deserving it. That’s why the Father had to turn His head away while watching the Son dying on the cross. We know this by what Jesus exclaimed while on the cross: “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46) Because what happened there wasn’t just. But He did all of this for us.

All of this should prevent people from thinking why is that God judges people or why certain things happen in the world? See, it is difficult to understand now, but not everything needs to be seen in a negative way. The enemy wants us to see it in such a way, so that we can rebel against God. We need to know that we can not fight and set ourselves against God as here we are not just speaking about a person, but the Creator of everything and we live and move in Him. We are meant to be together with Him and it is only us loosing when we resist to Him. He will continue to be sovereign and Holy and God. He doesn’t lose out of that, but yes, He will look at us with sadness, because of our pain and the decision we took. This is a real love. Love that doesn’t look for its own. This is the love God is having. Most of us, as people get sad or displeased coming out of some relationship, mostly because we lost out of it. It is not maybe because we see the other person hurting. We can say that God instead is sad and displeased only because of us, because He sees us hurting by not being with Him. This is a real love. Even though people refuse Him and take the wrong path, He always continues to be God and to be complete with His justice completely satisfied. All of this shows that He is doing this for us. He is doing everything possible, but He can not brake His principles and ways. He kind of did it by sending His innocent Son to die for us. In this way He took the pain. So, it is not because of Him that He does that, but because of us and in the same time we can not think of hurting Him purposely by taking the wrong path. It will be only us loosing by this.

“For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord;  
but he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death.” Proverbs 8:35,36

His purpose for our life is for good, but it will never go past His principles. So, He does all of this in our favor, bur never trespassing His principles and order. Why? Because this is the best way. His way is the best. All other ways can look promising for a while, but will never lead to a good ending. One of the reasons of why people get upset with God is also that they don’t accept His ways. But what actually happens, is that they don’t know them, they don’t accept His ways because they don’t trust Him. People fail to trust God. That’s the problem. They don’t know and realize that Those are the best ways for them. He is faithful to His word and His principles, not ours. What is good, is that we, being His creatures are most complete and satisfied when we are with Him, when we please Him. His principles therefore are good for us. They are the best. That’s why in the book of Ezekiel where He says that He will gather His people from all the nations and give them a new hearth, He says also that He is doing this for His name’s sake. To me it means that He is faithful to His ways and they are a law to Him. They are created by Him, but He is in a way submitted to them. As we are created by Him, whatever comes from Him is automatically good for our life. (Ezekiel 36:22)

3. Here enters His judgement as well. Many people are asking: “Why is that God is going to judge people one day?” and are getting upset with Him for that. Yes, we can have questions sometimes and it is good, but we also need to have an understanding and not to retain to our own opinion. We can feel in this way, but we mustn’t remain there.

Firstly, we need to know that He is God and is above all. This is also an answer that should be enough. The other reason as well, is that the judgement is having to do with His nature, as we said before and it can not be avoided. It is inevitable. Even if He wants to, He can’t just prevent it. By sending His Son, He expressed His desire to help us and to change the things for us. If He could have avoided the final judgment, He was going to do it, but by the way He did, by sending His Son, shows that there wasn’t another way for us to escape judgement and to avoid it. Because if there was another way or if He could have just decided to change this principle and way He is having of judging sin and sinners, why then He was going to sacrifice His most precious thing for us – His Son? All of this shows that this was the only way and it shows that He wants to do something for us, that He cares for us and wants to give us a solution. That’s why instead of getting upset with Him for the judgement, instead of questioning Him or trying to neglect it, we have to be grateful and appreciate the sacrifice He did for us and be willing to know more about it.

These things, even if there are many other reasons that we didn’t mention here, should make us reflect when we get upset with God sometimes. There is just no reason for us to do it. The only thing we do by that, is to harm ourselves as we are part of God and we are meant to be with Him for eternity. He is giving us this opportunity. By rebelling and separating ourselves from Him, we decide to carry on to live the rest of the eternity in the same way – being far from Him. Obviously sometimes the thoughts of getting upset and rebelling to Him come in us and we can not control them, but that’s why we need the new heart and nature He wants to give us.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them.*”  Ezekiel 36:26

Only in this way we will understand in a more clear way about His majesty and some of the reasons and the purposes with which He performs His will. He knows our hearts anyway and we need to feel free to open up to Him and to go before Him with our problems, reflections and complains. To express what we are, what we think and how do we feel, but in a humble way. We need to go to Him in a sincere way – as we are, not being proud by holding on to our state and condition, but ready to change all of this with His help.