

I discovered a new word recently from my Bible study. It's Paroxysm and it comes from the Greek word: (Paroxusmon), In the Bible it is translated on one occasion, Stirred, and on another occasion, Provoke. It's a emotional response to something. The word Paroxysm means, "A violent outburst of rage." In Acts 17:16, we see this was the emotional response of the Apostle Paul as he came in to Athens the first time and saw that the whole city was given over to idolatry. Here it is translated "stirred." In Hebrews 10:24 it is translated "provoke," which seems awfully strange because it's talking about our relationship with one another. We are to "provoke unto love." I'm not sure what that's talking about but neither "stirred" or "provoke" even comes

close to what the word means which is, “A violent outburst of rage.”

The reason I mention this is to point out that Americans are so mildly mannered that nothing seems to evoke a violent outburst of rage. Perhaps a few people are still alive who remembers Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and killed thousands of people and decimated our Pacific fleet. Perhaps that incident evoked some rage from a few people. Then of course there was the destruction of the twin towers in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. Maybe that upset a few of us, but by and large, there is very little that enrages us anymore. What has happened to our sense of rage? Have we become so calloused in our soul that nothing bothers us anymore? I think of

how the media and the dumbocrats are maligning our duly elected President, and it enrages me. I am outraged by their terrible tactics. The article I put in under my heading of "From my morning mail," is typical of their lies and meanness. I never watch the Network news channels anymore, and that includes most of the cable networks as well. If I watch anything, it's comes from Fox News. Somehow, we have to get our sense of rage back. It seems that the only ones protesting anymore are the blacks and the extremist. Apparently, very few, if any, preachers ever become outraged any longer. They seem to be all mild mannered men, preaching mild mannered sermons to make everyone more mildly mannered.