

The Value of God's Wrath

Romans 12:14-21 (NASB)

¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

²⁰ "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:14-21 (LBLA)

¹⁷ Nunca paguéis a nadie mal por mal. Respetad lo bueno delante de todos los hombres.

¹⁸ Si es posible, en cuanto de vosotros dependa, estad en paz con todos los hombres.

¹⁹ Amados, nunca os venguéis vosotros mismos, sino dad lugar a la ira de *Dios*, porque escrito está: MIA ES LA VENGANZA, YO PAGARE, dice el Señor.

²⁰ PERO SI TU ENEMIGO TIENE HAMBRE, DALE DE COMER; Y SI TIENE SED, DALE DE BEBER, PORQUE HACIENDO ESTO, CARBONES ENCENDIDOS AMONTONARAS SOBRE SU CABEZA.

²¹ No seas vencido por el mal, sino vence con el bien el mal.

*19 Never take your own revenge,
beloved, but leave room for the
WRATH OF GOD, for it is written,
“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,”
says the Lord.*

1. THERE WILL BE RETRIBUTION.

- *“Vengeance is mine, I will repay,” says the Lord -
(Rom. 12:19).*

- *“He is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer”* (Rom. 13:4).
- Romans 13:4 (LBLA) *4 pues es para ti un ministro de Dios para bien. Pero si haces lo malo, teme; porque no en vano lleva la espada, pues ministro es de Dios, un vengador que castiga al que practica lo malo.*

- **Romans 13:4 (NASB95)** — 4 “for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for IT IS A MINISTER OF GOD, AN AVENGER WHO BRINGS WRATH ON THE ONE WHO PRACTICES EVIL.”
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*“When there was more hell
in the pulpit, there was less
hell in the streets.”*

- Psalm 10:13 (NASB) 13 Why has the wicked spurned God? He has said to himself, "You will not require it."
- Psalm 10:13 (LBLA) 13 ¿Por qué ha despreciado el impío a Dios? Ha dicho en su corazón: Tú no lo requerirás.

- Proverbs 23:13-14 (NASB) 13 Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die. 14 You shall strike him with the rod And rescue his soul from Sheol.
- Proverbs 23:13-14 (LBLA) 13 No escatimes la disciplina del niño; aunque lo castigues con vara, no morirá. 14 Lo castigarás con vara, y librarás su alma del Seol.

- Psalm 9:17 (NASB) *The wicked will return to Sheol, Even all the nations who forget God.*
- Psalm 9:17 (LBLA) *17 Los impíos volverán al Seol, todas las naciones que se olvidan de Dios.*

*“An eye for an eye and a tooth
for a tooth.”*

- Gandhi: “An eye for an eye leads to the whole world going blind.”

“Ojo por ojo lleva a que todo el mundo se quede ciego”.

- **Exodus 21:22–25 (NASB95) — 22** “If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman’s husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. **23** “But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, **24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, **25** burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.
- **Exodus 21:22-25 (LBLA) 22** Y si algunos hombres luchan entre sí y golpean a una mujer encinta, y ella aborta, sin haber otro daño, ciertamente el culpable será multado según lo que el esposo de la ujer demande de él; y pagará según lo que los jueces decidan. **23** Pero si hubiera algún otro daño, entonces pondrás como castigo, vida por vida, **24** ojo por ojo, diente por diente, mano por mano, pie por pie, **25** quemadura por quemadura, herida por herida, golpe por golpe.

**THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE IS NECESSARY TO THE
MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.**

2. WE ARE NOT TO TAKE RETRIBUTION FOR OURSELVES.

- *Beloved, never avenge
yourselves*
- (Rom. 12:19).

3 PLACE THE UNRESOLVED INJUSTICE INTO THE HANDS OF GOD.

- Proverbs 20:22 (NLT2) 22 Don't say, "I will get even for this wrong." Wait for the LORD to handle the matter.
- Proverbs 20:22 (LBLA) 22 No digas: Yo pagaré mal por mal; espera en el SEñOR, y El te salvará.

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- **Mark 14:65 (NIV2011)** ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.
- **Mark 14:65 (LBLA)** ⁶⁵ Y comenzaron algunos a escupirle, a cubrirle el rostro y a darle de puñetazos, y a decirle: ¡Profetiza! Y los alguaciles le recibieron a bofetadas.

- 1 Peter 2:23 (NASB) 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;
- 1 Peter 2:23 (LBLA) 23 y quien cuando le ultrajaban, no respondía ultrajando; cuando padecía, no amenazaba, sino que se encomendaba a aquel que juzga con justicia;

*As much as it depends
on you, live peaceably
by leaving vengeance
in the Lord's hands.*