

VENGEANCE BELONGS TO GOD

⇒ **Text:** Romans 12:19

⇒ **Intro:**

○ This chapter, in which our text is found, sets forth a fourfold relationship of a believer.

- 1. The relationship of a believer to his heavenly Father; Rom. 12:1-2.
- 2. The relationship of a believer to service; Rom. 12:3-8.
- 3. The relationship of a believer to other believers; Rom. 12:9-16.
- 4. The relationship of a believer to all men everywhere, saved or lost; Rom. 12:17-21.

○ These verses (17-21) show that God's child is not to try to "get even" when wronged or persecuted.

⇒ **I. God's People Are To Expect Persecution And Are To Suffer Without Complaint.**

- 1. Jesus taught that the believer would be hated by the world;
 - John 15:18-21.
- 2. Paul taught that "all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution";
 - II Tim. 3:12.
- 3. Jesus set forth an example as to how Christians are to suffer;
 - I Peter 2:19-23.

⇒ **II. The Avenging Is To Be Left With God**

- 1. Jesus taught in substance: If an unjust and evil judge would avenge a poor woman and punish the wicked, will not the holy God of Heaven do likewise;
 - Luke 18:1-8.
- 2. In Revelation 6:10 the tribulation martyrs who have been killed by Antichrist's power cry out for God to avenge them.
 - Rev. 19:2 is the answer to their cry.

○ 3. God avenged Abel of the wrong committed against him by Cain.

○ 4. God destroyed Pharaoh as He avenged the Jews against the Egyptians.

○ 5. God avenged Mordecai against wicked Haman as Haman hung high on his own gallows!

○ 6. God avenged David of the wrong suffered at the hands of Saul and then Absalom.

○ 7. God will do right, vengeance belongs to Him;

- I Peter 4:16.

⇒ **III. Notice This Text As It Applies To The Unsaved.** "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

○ 1. This verse of God's Word should make a sinner tremble.

- God says; II Thess. 1:4-9.

○ 2. God hath taken an oath by His holiness that He will judge sinners;

- Amos 4:2.

○ 3. God never forgets un-confessed sin.

- He does forgive and forget when the penitent sinner trusts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour;

- Heb.10:17.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

○ We have seen clearly from the Word of God.

○ We are not to get even when we are wronged or persecuted.

○ We are not to be in the avenging business because God is.

○ Remember his ways and thoughts are not like ours.

○ There was once a TV show call "Father knows best."

○ That is true our Heavenly Father really does know best and that includes how to repay your being wronged.

○ We need to just trust in Him to make it right in His way and in His timing.