

THE BIG PAYBACK: God's Recompense on Behalf of His Children

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ROMANS 12:19 NKJV

Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord.

STORY: WHEN GOD SETTLES WHAT WE CANNOT

There once was a woman who suffered misuse at the hands of a family member—someone who should have protected her but instead exploited her vulnerability. For years, the injustice went unaddressed. Family silence covered wrongdoing. Her voice was

dismissed. Her pain was minimized. Yet she made a decision that altered the trajectory of her life: she placed the matter into God's hands. She focused on healing, integrity, and obedience. Over time, God elevated her—spiritually, emotionally, and even publicly. She found favor, stability, and peace she had never known. Meanwhile, the family member who harmed her experienced a very different outcome. His influence diminished. His credibility eroded. Private sins surfaced publicly. Opportunities closed. Relationships fractured. What he once controlled, he eventually lost.

No confrontation orchestrated this reversal.

No revenge engineered it.

God did.

This is the mystery and majesty of divine recompense: God knows how to repay without corrupting the soul of the wounded.

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Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord.

God's vengeance is not emotional retaliation—it is measured, moral, and

purposeful justice. When God repays, He does not merely punish wrongdoing; He restores moral order.

1. GOD DEFENDS THE INNOCENT BY REMOVING UNRIGHTEOUS COVERING

God often begins recompense not with destruction, but with exposure.

LUKE 12:2 NKJV

For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

When enemies prosper through deception, manipulation, or abuse, they rely on concealment. God's vengeance frequently removes what protected them.

How This Looks in Real Life

- * Hidden motives become visible**
- * Patterns of behavior come to light**
- * Credibility collapses without accusation**
- * Allies quietly withdraw**

PROVERBS 26:26 NKJV

Though his hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

God does not need you to expose your enemy. Truth has a sound of its own.

Quote: "God's justice is not loud, but it is relentless." — A.W. Tozer

2. GOD DISRUPTS THE UNGODLY ADVANTAGE OF YOUR ENEMIES

God's vengeance often comes as divine interference—interrupting momentum,

removing favor, and frustrating plans.

PSALM 37:12–13 NKJV

The wicked plots against the just... The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming.

Enemies may seem ahead for a season. But advantage without God is temporary.

JOB 20:5 NKJV

The triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment.

Ways God Balances the Scale

- * Plans stall unexpectedly**
- * Resources dry up**
- * Influence weakens**
- * Authority is questioned**
- * Confidence erodes from within**

ISAIAH 54:17 NKJV

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

God doesn't always destroy the enemy—He renders their weapons ineffective.

Quote: "God does not always stop the plot; He stops the outcome."

3. GOD ELEVATES HIS CHILDREN AS PART OF HIS VENGEANCE

One of the most overlooked dimensions of divine vengeance is promotion.

GENESIS 50:20 NKJV

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...

God answers injustice not only by dealing with the offender, but by raising the offended.

PSALM 75:6–7 NKJV

For promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

What God Does for You

- * He restores dignity**
- * He rebuilds identity**
- * He enlarges influence**
- * He gives peace without bitterness**

Often, the enemy's greatest punishment is watching you thrive without hatred.

PROVERBS 24:17–18 NKJV

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls... lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him.

God will not share His vengeance with human pride. He requires trust, not triumphalism.

Quote: "When God lifts you, He does it in a way that doesn't poison your spirit."

WHAT GOD DOES TO YOUR ENEMIES TO BALANCE THE SCALE WITHOUT YOU LIFTING A HAND:

- * He removes secrecy**
- * He disrupts progress**
- * He confuses counsel**

- * **He weakens influence**
- * **He humbles pride**
- * **He closes doors they thought were permanent**

EXODUS 14:14 NKJV

The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

CONCLUSION: THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE IS BETWEEN GOD AND HIS CHILD

The greatest mistake an enemy can make is assuming silence means indifference.

God's delay is not denial.

God's patience is not permission.

HEBREWS 10:30–31 NKJV

Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord... It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

The Big Payback is not about revenge—it is about righteous resolution. God does not settle scores impulsively; He restores order eternally.

So let God have the case.

Let God have the timing.

Let God have the last word.

Because when God repays, no appeal is possible—and no bitterness is required from you.

