

# Our Duty to Our Enemies

Text: [Romans 12:17-21](#)

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## [Psalm 92:9-15](#) (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

<sup>10</sup> But You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; You have poured over me fresh oil.

<sup>11</sup> My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

<sup>12</sup> The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup> They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

<sup>14</sup> They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

<sup>15</sup> to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

## [Romans 12:17-21](#) (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## [Romans 12:17a](#) (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil...

[Romans 12:14](#) (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

[Exodus 21:24](#) (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot...

[Romans 13:4](#) (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> ... for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

[1 Thessalonians 5:15](#) (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

[1 Peter 3:8-9](#) (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

<sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

[Romans 12:17](#) (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

[2 Corinthians 8:21](#) (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> We aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.

[Romans 12:18](#) (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Forgiveness builds a bridge and revenge builds only walls.**

***“You don’t need to preserve your hurt as a memorial to how you have been wronged.” - Winston Smith***

[Romans 12:19](#) (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

[Deuteronomy 32:35](#) (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> “Vengeance is Mine...”

[Nahum 1:2](#) (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries and keeps wrath for His enemies.

[Romans 12:20–21](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

[Proverbs 25:21-22](#) (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,  
<sup>22</sup> for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

[Psalm 140:10](#) (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> Let burning coals fall upon them! Let them be cast into fire, into miry pits, no more to rise!

[Romans 12:21](#) (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

[2 Timothy 3:12](#) (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

[Psalm 92:9](#) (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

[Romans 5:10](#) (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

[James 4:4](#) (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

[Romans 8:7](#) (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

[2 Corinthians 5:20](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

[Romans 10:17](#) (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

[Romans 12:17](#) (ESV)

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[Romans 12:19](#) (ESV)

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**Rest your mind in God's sovereignty.**

