

Vengeance is God's

Call to Worship

Psalm 94:1-15 Living Bible (TLB)

Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs, let your glory shine out. Arise and judge the earth; sentence the proud to the penalties they deserve. Lord, how long shall the wicked be allowed to triumph and exult? Hear their insolence! See their arrogance! How these men of evil boast! See them oppressing your people, O Lord, afflicting those you love. They murder widows, immigrants, and orphans, for "The Lord isn't looking," they say, "and besides, he doesn't care." Fools! Is God deaf and blind—he who makes ears and eyes? He punishes the nations—won't he also punish you? He knows everything—doesn't he also know what you are doing?

Deuteronomy 32:35 New International Version (NIV)

It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them."

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:17-20 Living Bible (TLB)

Never pay back evil for evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honest clear through. Don't quarrel with anyone. Be at peace with everyone, just as much as possible. Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it. Don't take the law into your own hands. Instead, feed your enemy if he is hungry. If he is thirsty give him something to drink and you will be "heaping coals of fire on his head." In other words, he will feel ashamed of himself for what he has done to you.

Sermon Notes:

1. Wrongs will be committed against us.
2. God is the one that is only capable to properly avenge.
3. We are to serve and love.

Sunday School Questions

1. Jesus taught that even if you did not actually commit a sin outwardly, it was still a sin if you thought it. What types of vengeful thoughts have you had this week?
2. What are some ways a passive aggressive person commit revenge? How can gossip be a form of revenge?
3. Why do movies, stories and songs that focus on revenge or someone being the "Avenger" appeal to us?
4. How can we better prepare ourselves to hand the act of revenge over to God?
5. Pray for God to help us love our enemies like Jesus did.