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Sunday Morning Prayer & Study

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"God Is Not Out To Get-Cha"

(He's Out To Win You)

God does not want personal revenge against humanity. God's actions are **just**, **righteousness**, and **love not petty emotional retaliation.**

Human Revenge vs. Divine Vengeance: Personal revenge by humans is generally driven by anger, malice, and impure motives, which is why it is forbidden by God. In contrast, biblical teaching describes God's vengeance as a form of **perfect, holy justice** meant to correct wrong, end oppression, and restore righteousness.

God's Focus Is Redemption: Rather than seeking humanity's destruction, God's ultimate desire is **reconciliation**, **repentance**, and **salvation** (**2 Peter 3:9**) The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise as some understand slowness, but is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.**

Romans 12:17-21

Good News Translation

(17) If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil: Paul forbids personal vengeance and calls believers to answer wrongdoing with conduct shaped by Christ. Jesus endured insults, injustice, and crucifixion without returning evil to His persecutors, entrusting Himself to the righteous Judge (**1 Peter 2:23**). God reserves vengeance for Himself and will judge every wrong perfectly (**Romans 12:19**). Christians therefore overcome evil through patient endurance, forgiveness, and active goodness rather than retaliation. **1 Peter 3:9, Proverbs 20:22, 1 Thessalonians 5:15**

Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody: Believers are to pursue conduct that is honorable, truthful, and visibly upright before both Christians and unbelievers. Such care does not mean compromising God's standards for public approval; it means removing needless offense and displaying the righteous character of Christ in ordinary relationships. A life marked by integrity gives credibility to the gospel and directs others toward the God who transforms those who trust Him.

Good News Translation
(18) Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.

Amplified Bible
(19) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for God's wrath [and His judicial righteousness]; for it is written [in Scripture], "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

but leave room for God's wrath: **God has not overlooked injustice, nor has He transferred the responsibility of final judgment to injured people.** Human anger is often **mixed with pride**, **partial knowledge**, and **sinful desire**; God's judgment is holy, fully informed, and perfectly just. Leaving judgment to God does not excuse evil or forbid lawful civil justice, for governing authorities are appointed to punish wrongdoing (**Romans 13:1–4**). It calls Christians to relinquish personal vengeance and trust the Judge of all the earth.

For it is written: "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Paul draws from **Deuteronomy 32:35**, where the **Song of Moses** declares God's sovereign right to judge His enemies and vindicate His people. The Lord's promise to repay assures suffering believers that no cruelty, oppression, or hidden wrong escapes His sight. **God may bring temporal consequences, and He will certainly render final judgment.** At the cross, Christ bore the judgment due to all who repent and believe; those who reject Him remain accountable before the righteous Judge.

Nahum 1:2 Berean Standard Bible - The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and full of wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on His foes and reserves wrath for His enemies.

Amplified Bible
(20) "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR BY DOING THIS YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

For in so doing, you will heap burning coals on his head." Unexpected kindness may bring an enemy to **shame**, **conviction,** and **repentance**. The image warns that rejecting merciful treatment increases accountability before God, while leaving room for the transforming work of His kindness. **Proverbs 25:22**

Amplified Bible
(21) Do not be overcome *and* conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good.

but overcome evil with good: God calls His people to resist evil through obedient love, mercy, truth, prayer, generosity, and faithfulness. Paul has just recalled **Proverbs 25:21–22**, where kindness toward an enemy may expose guilt and lead to repentance rather than deepen hostility. Such goodness is not passive surrender to sin or injustice; it is active confidence that God's righteousness is stronger than human cruelty. Christ supremely overcame evil through His sacrificial death and resurrection, defeating sin and death without returning evil for evil.

(On the Other Hand)

According to Abrahamic theology, Satan does not target God because **he lacks the power to do so**; instead, his efforts are **directed at** humanity **and all of God's creation.**

Humanity (Souls and Relationships): Described in scripture as a "deceiver," "**accuser**," and "**destroyer**", Satan aims to fracture humanity's relationship with God. Rather than physical annihilation in a direct sense, his goal is moral and spiritual ruin, leading **AS MANY** people **AS POSSABLE** into **sin**, **despair**, **division**, and **spiritual death**.

John 8:43-45

Amplified Bible
(43) Why do you misunderstand what I am saying? It is because [your spiritual ears are deaf and] you are unable to hear [the truth of] My word.

Amplified Bible
(44) You are of *your* father the devil, and it is your will to practice the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies *and* half-truths.

When he lies, he speaks his native language: Satan's lies are consistent with his character. **He disguises rebellion as freedom, sin as fulfillment, and unbelief as wisdom.** His temptations seek to make disobedience appear reasonable while concealing its deadly end.

(Some key Characteristics Of The Devil In John 8:44)

Spiritual Lineage: Jesus contrasts their claim of having God or Abraham as their father, stating that their desire to kill Him mirrors the character of the devil.

A Murderer from the Beginning: The devil is described as a murderer from the start, which is commonly understood as a reference to introducing both spiritual and physical death into humanity through the deception in the Garden of Eden.

Devoid of Truth: Jesus states that "**there is no truth in him**" and that he does not hold or stand in the truth.

The Father of Lies: Lying is described as the devil's "**native language**", meaning deception is fundamental to his character and origin.

Amplified Bible

(45) But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [and continue in your unbelief].

you do not believe Me: Their unbelief is not a result of insufficient evidence, for they had heard **His** teaching, witnessed **His** works, and possessed **The** Scriptures that testified of **Him** (**John 5:39**). Their rejection confirms Jesus' earlier warning that people may hear without understanding and see without perceiving, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy of hardened hearts (**Isaiah 6:9–10**). Though Jesus came to **His** own people, many refused to receive Him (**John 1:11**). Their refusal to believe demonstrates that spiritual blindness can persist even where God's revelation is clearly given. **John 10:25-26**, **John 5:46-47**, **John 12:37**

God's plan of salvation for mankind is centered on rescuing humanity from the penalty and power of sin through the life, death, and resurrection of **Jesus Christ**.

The Problem: Human Sin

Separation from God: All humans have sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard (**Romans 3:23**).

The Penalty: Because God is holy and just, sin incurs a moral penalty, which the Bible defines as spiritual death and eternal separation from Him (**Romans 6:23**).

Inability to Save Ourselves: Good works, moral behavior, and/or religious rituals cannot earn or offset human sin (**Ephesians 2:8–9**).

God's Solution: Jesus Christ

The Incarnation: Out of love and grace, God sent His Son, **Jesus Christ**, who took on human nature while remaining fully God (**John 1:1, 14**).

The Atonement: Jesus lived a sinless life and offered Himself as a substitute sacrifice on the cross, paying the full penalty for the sins of the world (**2 Corinthians 5:21**; **1 John 2:2**).

The Resurrection: Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, conquering death and proving that His sacrifice was accepted by God to grant eternal life (**Romans 4:25**; **1 Peter 1:3**).

Receiving Salvation

By Faith and Grace: Salvation is a free gift from God received through personal faith and trust in **Jesus Christ** alone, rather than human achievement (**Ephesians 2:8–9; John 3:16**).

Repentance and Confession: Turning away from sin, confessing **Jesus as Lord**, and following Him in obedient trust bring forgiveness of sins and restoration to God's family (**Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38**).

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