

*“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, ‘Vengeance Is Mine; I Will Repay,’ saith the Lord.” *Romans 12:17-19no2 KJV**



We are all born rebels. *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”* Some are more overtly rebellious than others, but we are all rebels against God, because we are all sinners *“for ALL have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. There is none Righteous, no, not one!”* I freely admit that I am of a cantankerous nature. I question everything but God’s Word. It is the rule of my life by my own choice, because He loved me before I even knew Him! God looked down through the annals of time and knew my heart and loved me in spite of it! When it was time He spoke to my heart and convinced me I was a sinner and that He loved me. I was ashamed in His Presence and begged His Mercy which He liberally granted! I know for every believer some version of this is true. *“We love Him, because He first Loved us!”* With this in mind, consider this; *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* Think about that for a moment. If you are a believer, you are the beloved of Eternity’s Sovereign; Who created all there is and sustains it with the Power of His spoken Word. *“By the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: By the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the Day of Judgment.”* Just think of all the injustice of our day and remember, the Almighty Jehovah is our Father and He will repay every slight against you for His Names Sake. *“For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.”* If you are a believer, even should men kill your body you have the God of Life at your side always. *“For He hath said, ‘I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in His Way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with His Hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the Righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”* Not even torture or death daunts the true believer, because *“greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. In ALL things we are MORE than conquerors through Him that Loved us!”* Immortality in Heaven is the best revenge you could ever have on your enemy!

Love your foes; it is God’s Command,
All of your woes He will withstand,
And when your final day doth come,
You will be aye, forever Home! –CGP

All of time is but a grain of sand on the beach of eternity! *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (varied hardships); Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith; Who for the Joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God.”* We submit, endure, and continue for the eternal Joy that our Beloved has Promised!

*“Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” *Romans 12:20-21 KJV**