

*“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. 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 12:18-21 KJV***



How often do we forget to leave our revenge to God? *“Be angry and SIN NOT.”* Where we sin in our anger is imagined or actual payback and most often

it is our words that sting another: Like that car that cuts you off or takes a parking space. Where were you when God found you and what were you doing? *“While we were YET SINNERS Christ died for us.”* What if God had exacted immediate vengeance on you? He knows the future from the past and can see what we cannot. Have you ever done or said anything out of desperation without thought of consequence? We all have. Our anger is usually fed by demonic whispers of revenge and payback. You don’t think Satan watches you and knows the exact moment to whisper a biting retort into your mind? Did you ever wonder where those come from? Satan is more than happy to let you believe you came up with it on your own, because by doing so, it becomes a habit and he can destroy you and others as well. *“For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect Law of Liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”* Revenge is robbing God! We have God’s own Promise that He will repay those who injure or harm us. Like a she-bear protecting her cubs, God will exact perfect vengeance! His time is always the right time and His way is always the right way! When tempted to retort or revenge, remember, Christ repaid your sin with His Love!

With good repay the foul misdeed,
And God will Bless your ev’ry deed,
Your foe’s own wrath will them undo,
For Father’s Love avengeth you. –CGP

God knows every secret thought, scheme, and desire of your enemies, and will avenge you in ways you cannot imagine! When you do good to your enemy, you simply add God’s Wrath to his portion, because you reap what you sow. Abe Lincoln once said, *“Do I not destroy my enemy when I make him my friend?”* Think on that for a moment. Jesus said;

*“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” **Matthew 5:44-45 KJV***