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Revenge is holy. God is holy. God takes revenge ⇒ Luke 18:7 says “and will God not at all execute the avengement of His elect, those crying to Him day and night, also having been long-suffering over them?” Avengement translates *vindication, retribution, revenge, punishment*. Yet doubting Christians complain with Scripture ⇒ “Vengeance belongs to Me, I will repay, says the Lord.” ⇒ Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30; Deuteronomy 32:35.’

The devil wants us to believe God will *not* take revenge. Towards this goal, the devil *perverts grace* by misusing Scripture; e.g. ⇒ John 8:7 “The one among you without sin, let him cast the first stone at her.” John 8:7 and Luke 18:7 both say to not take revenge because **God will; nothing about it being wrong for God to do so**. The devil does *not* want us to have a correct fear of God; this fear includes God strongly fulfilling His Word!

Galatians 6:7 *is not erased by grace* ⇒ “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man may sow, that he also *will* reap.” It is impossible for us to pay for sin, and **this verse does not say that!** No one can endure the law-required curses of breaking God’s covenant; this is one reason why suffering in hell lasts forever. Jesus did the impossible to save us; this is one reason why praising God in Heaven lasts forever. The devil wants us *comfortable with sin*, and perversely labels *unholy disrespect* as “*Grace*”.

Revenge cannot un-do damage. Revenge is merely small compensation for damage. Damage incurs cost... far beyond mere consequences! Mercy (not grace) *might* reduce consequences we reap, but Jesus paid the cost. Immaturity is self-consequence-centered. Mature people stop, think, and realize Christianity is Jesus-cost-centered. In other words: *centricity reveals spiritual maturity*: whether our Christianity is about Christ, or about us.

Look at the verse after each revenge verse above: Romans 12:20 ⇒ says “if your enemy hungers, feed him. If he thirsts, give him drink. For in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head.” Perversion says this is **our revenge**, but truth says to put live coals in our enemy’s head-pan to warm his house! Hebrews 10:31 ⇒ says “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Deuteronomy 32:36 ⇒ says “For Jehovah will bring His people justice; and He shall have compassion on His servants, for He sees that their power is gone, and only the imprisoned and abandoned remain.” Biblical **context** is always: ‘leave **revenge** to God’ and the reason for this is always the same one:

Revenge has a purpose: redemption: pointing someone to God, while there is time! Few Christians have the grace (yes, it is grace now) to use revenge properly, so God says, “Vengeance belongs to Me, I will repay”, *as if to say*, ‘...**so you don’t mess it up!**’ God’s Word is the sword of the *spirit, not of the flesh* ⇒ Ephesians 6:12, 17; Hebrews 4:12. **Revenge** is reaping consequences now so we don’t spend our eternity facing the cost! **Revenge** is helping God’s prized creation, who needs it... due to a free will; namely: us. God’s **revenge** is not mean-spirited; it is severe love... often manifesting decades later!

Scars in Heaven: besides being the *first* human in Heaven, Jesus Christ will be the *only* human in Heaven with *scars* ⇒ Revelation 5:6. These scars prove the true purpose of **revenge**: if it *wasn’t* **redemption**, there would be *no scars in Heaven, or us, either.* ♥