



Enemies, *Grace*, AND REVENGE

"Working to Rest In God's Justice"

Romans 12:19

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*Beloved, never
avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the
wrath of God, for it is
written, "Vengeance
is mine, I will repay,
says the Lord." (ESV)*

1. Worship _____

2. See _____

3. Work _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 37:28; 89:14; 99:4; and 101:1**. Think carefully through the implications of a supposed "God" who is not just. What is the downside to imagining a universe without a God of justice?
2. Read **Isaiah 5:20-23; 61:8** and **Psalm 50:21**. It is obviously hazardous to attempt to come to conclusions about the nature of God without vigilantly studying what God has said about himself in his word. How common is this practice among Christians? What other aspects of God's character are distorted with this subjective approach?
3. Read **Romans 3:23-26**. What is the relationship between unearned forgiveness, the cross and God's justice?
4. Read **Psalm 37:5-10**. In light of these truths, what are some practical things you need to do so that you will "not fret" when you are being mistreated?
5. Read **1 Peter 1:3-7, 13**. What counsel would you give a Christian who struggles with waiting for God to resolve the painful and unjust situations in his life?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

March 27th

Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

March 28th

Josh. 21-22 & Lk. 6:1-26

March 29th

Josh. 23-24 & Lk. 6:27-49

March 30th

Judg. 1-2 & Lk. 7:1-30

March 31st

Judg. 3-5 & Lk. 7:31-50

April 1st

Judg. 6-7 & Lk. 8:1-21

April 2nd

Judg. 8-9 & Lk. 8:22-56

April 3rd

Judg. 10-11 & Lk. 9:1-36

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

- CD # 0616 – **A Crash Course in the End of the Book**
- CD # 0651 – **A Day of Reckoning: Understanding God's Judgment**
- CD # 0812 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Rethinking God**
- CD # 0778 – **The New Jerusalem and the Lake of Fire**
- CD # 0709 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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- Erickson, Millard. **Postmodernizing the Faith: Evangelical Responses to Postmodernism**. Baker Books, 1998.
- Gerstner, John. **Jonathan Edwards on Heaven and Hell**. Baker Books, 1980.
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