

The God Who Avenges

¹ O Lord, the God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, let your glorious justice shine forth!

² Arise, O Judge of the earth. Give the proud what they deserve.

³ How long, O Lord? How long will the wicked be allowed to gloat?

⁴ How long will they speak with arrogance? How long will these evil people boast?

⁵ They crush your people, Lord, hurting those you claim as your own.

⁶ They kill widows and foreigners and murder orphans.

⁷ “The Lord isn’t looking,” they say, “and besides, the God of Israel doesn’t care.”

⁸ Think again, you fools! When will you finally catch on?

⁹ Is he deaf—the one who made your ears? Is he blind—the one who formed your eyes?

¹⁰ He punishes the nations—won’t he also punish you? He knows everything—doesn’t he also know what you are doing?

¹¹ The Lord knows people’s thoughts; he knows they are worthless! (Psalms 94:1-11 NLT)

1. God _____ for Evil.

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.

²⁰ Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.”

²¹ Don’t let evil conquer you but conquer evil by doing good. (Romans 12:17-21 NLT)

2. God _____ all Oppression.

He can see to the very ends of the earth. He sees everything under the sky. (Job 28:24 ERV)

3. God _____ the Humble with Happiness.

See how happy is the person whom God corrects; so do not reject the discipline of the Almighty. (Job 5:17 CSB)