



God is Our Avenger

“There is one who scatters yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.

The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.

The people will curse him who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, but trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.

He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

*If the righteous will be **recompensed on the earth**, how much more the ungodly and the sinner.”*
(Proverbs 11:24-31)

1. Recompense – “to pay back what is owed.” “Receive their dues.”
2. This is not in heaven, but “in the earth.”

When to Fight. When To Let God Fight

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for **righteousness’ sake**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely **for My sake**. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* (Matthew 5:10-12)

1. Stand up and fight against personal attacks from bullies.
 - a. Protect your home and family.
 - b. Weapons are permitted in the Word. Jesus told His disciples to sell their coat and buy a sword if they did not own one (Luke 22:36).
2. In war, God will fight *with* you.
3. Let God defend you when others mock your faith. God can defend Himself and you.

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will **avenge** her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’”*

*Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will **avenge them speedily**. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:1-8)*

1. The end, purpose, of this parable is not to give up in prayer.
2. Avenge-retribution-legal solution to a situation. Immediate ceasing of the enemy and compensation for what has been taken.
3. The lady asked to be avenged (recompensed) of her enemy.
4. The judge was obligated to uphold law even though he did not fear God.
5. The woman knew the law and had a solid case. This made her persistent, and the judge knew it.
6. The object of this story is not persistence with a non-caring God.
 - a. How to pray to be recompensed, avenged by God.
 - b. This is for God to find faith in the earth in prayer for vengeance.
7. God is not like the unjust judge. God will avenge speedily.

“Do not say, “I will recompense evil”; wait for the Lord, and He will save you.” (Proverbs 20:22)

“For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” (Hebrews 10:30)