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Roamin' In **Romans** **Romans Chapter 12**

Romans 12:19 - Vengeance is His, Let Him

19 **Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.**

As we look back at these MARKS of a true Christian...the list can kind of seem daunting.

Obviously, some things seem easier than others...

But when it gets to things like: bless them that persecute you, don't curse them, don't pay people back when they do evil things to you...it seems almost impossible.

POINT #1 – And it would be impossible in your flesh. That is why we are told to live in our spirit.

POINT #2 – God gives us a bit of good news in verse 19.

Psalm 37:1-2 (David talked about this often)

- 1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

BELOVED: If we allow God to do His work...there will be recompense to the heathen who rises up against you.

FIRST: 2 Timothy 4:8 – “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, *which the Lord, the righteous judge*, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

God is the **RIGHTEOUS** (right) judge! He only does what is right.

QUESTION: Have you ever thought a certain way about someone...sure they were horrible...then you found out that they were NOT how you thought. They were actually good!

THOUGHT: What if you...in your limited knowledge...would have been able to do ANYTHING that you wanted to that person (without penalty), would you have made the wrong choice? Probably! God doesn't!

Time and again in Scripture (8 times) we are told that God is slow to anger. Because He gives opportunity for others to repent.

2 Thessalonians 1:6 – “Seeing it is a *righteous thing with God* to *recompense tribulation* to them that trouble you.”

REMEMBER: Romans 12:17 says recompense NO MAN evil for evil. Why? Because if we allow God to work...He will recompense them for what they've sown.

GOD'S PAYBACK SYSTEM: It works every time.

Galatians 6:7 – “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

When people sow evil to you...and you don't give back...God's payback system will work EVERY TIME!
How people have treated you...it is how they will be treated.

Our job is to trust God and do what we are suppose to do.

PERHAPS: Bring in how it is the plot for SO MANY movies...REVENGE!

QUICK NOTE: This doesn't mean that if someone is treating you poorly that you are reaping a harvest...it is perhaps simply an attack from the enemy to move you off your stand.

Touch Not His Anointed

1 Chronicles 16:22 – “Saying, ***Touch not mine anointed***, and do my prophets no harm.”

Psalms 105:15 – “Saying, ***Touch not mine anointed***, and do my prophets no harm.”

God has this law set in stone...if you mess with God's anointed people...He will get involved with you.

IMPORTANT: Matthew 1:18 – We are all God's anointed...not just pastors.

2 Kings 2:23-24 (Elisha and the kids who made fun of him)

23 And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

Acts 12:21-24 (Herod persecuting the church)

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Voltaire, the noted French infidel, who died in 1778, made a valiant and fierce attempt to discredit the Bible. He boldly predicted that, within 100 years of his death, the Bible and Christianity would have been swept away into oblivion. But the prophecy came to naught. Within 100 years, the very printing press on which Voltaire had published his atheistic literature now printed copious copies of the Bible he had spurned.

The actual house in Paris where Voltaire had lived was stacked 'floor to ceiling' with Bibles prepared for public distribution by the Geneva Bible Society.

2 Peter 2:9-11 (talking about people in the last days)

9 The Lord knoweth how to ***deliver the godly out of temptations***, and to ***reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment*** to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and ***despise government***. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are ***not afraid to speak evil of dignities***.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

NOTE: The angels in heaven wouldn't even dare speak against people on earth.

If we allow God to do His part...it will be much better than if we try to do it for Him.

Keep your heart free from all bitterness and anger when someone has wronged you.
Vengeance is God's business...you MUST NOT ENTER this realm that only belongs to Him.

REMEMBER: We are still supposed to rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep. Not to look for times to rejoice if they fail.

If someone has done wrong to you...forgive and take your hands off the situation.
If you have done something wrong to someone else...make it right quickly.