

Vengeance is mine saith the Lord:

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

The ability to forgive is rooted in the experience of a regenerative soul that is born again born from above. We can understand from, Romans 12:9, that the believer is commanded not avenge themselves. The true believer would leave vengeance to the wrath of God. “Vengeance is mine saith the Lord; I will repay.” God is the one who takes care of those who reject His word! The believer doesn’t have to overly concern themselves with that! Because the believer in Christ is redeemed, they have been eternally released from the consequences of sin which is eternal damnation. We recall God’s mercy in us that we might forgive.

The born again sinner understands that ‘all sin’ is first and foremost against God. God is the one the sinner has to deal with regarding eternal life and eternal death, (Psalm 51:4). The true believer would resist any spiritual attitude that insists they need to be avenged for the wrong done against them. Rather, their spiritual attitude might say, “how hypocritical it would be that I would consider my own sin inconsequential. For God has told me, “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory God, and all are equally deserving of eternal hell (Psalm 14:2-3; Romans 3:23).” The thought that we would seriously consider our own interests above God’s will and good pleasure must manifest great fear in us of the potential separation from our Lord, which we never want to be the case!

It can’t be said enough: “How hypocritical, [two faced], is it that I would look at my own sin so lightly, while looking at the sin of others as being so much worse! Who do I think I am that I should be avenged!” Because all of this is spiritually linked to the salvation of Jesus Christ it is why there is so many unjust judgments made, and misunderstandings, usually from a severe lack of patience, or willingness to suffer as our Lord suffered. Yet, the child of God is called to walk in His ways:

1 Peter 2:21-24 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.