

I. THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO WRONG (V7-8, 10-11)

- James 5:7 Therefore, be patient, brethren, until the coming of The Lord...
 - patient: to be long-spirited; to be forbearing; to be longsuffering; to cheerfully endure
- Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

1. WE FEEL ENTITLED TO REVENGE BASED ON A HIGH OPINION OF OURSELVES (SHOULDN'T)

- Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
- John 15:20 Remember the word that I told you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

2. WE SEEK VENGEANCE BECAUSE WE DON'T TRUST GOD TO AVENGE US PROPERLY

- Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, & lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, & He shall direct your paths.
- Psalms 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, The LORD will take care of me.
- Luke 23:34 Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
- James 5:7b-8 See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient.
- Job 1:21 Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return. The Lord gives and The Lord takes away; Blessed be the name of The Lord.
- Job 2:10 "You speak as one of the foolish women. Shall we accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

II. THE WRONG RESPONSE TO WOES (V9 & 12)

- James 5:9 Do not grumble against 1 another brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold the judge is at door
 - grumble: sten-ad'-zo: to - groan, murmur; begrudge; to grumble
- Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- Matthew 12:36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.
 - idle: ar-gos' - lazy, useless; unproductive
- James 5:12 But above all, brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.
- swear: om-noo'-oh - to swear; to take an oath
- Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart;...
- Isaiah 40:31 They that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.