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## THE VERDICT ON VENGEANCE

Psalm 58:1-11

- 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.
- Proverbs 24:17-18 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and don't let your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the LORD see it, & it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him.

### I. POINTED REBUKE

- Psalm 58:1-2 Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men? No, in heart you work wickedness; you weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
- Psalm 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
- Romans 3:10 There is none righteous; no, not one.
- Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.

### II. A PRAYER FOR REVENGE

- Psalm 58:6-8 Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break the fangs out of the young lions, O Lord! Let them flow away as waters which run continually, When he bends his bow let his arrows be as if cut in pieces. Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes; like a stillborn child that they may not see the sun
- Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
- 1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
- Psalm 58:9 Before your pots can feel the burning thorns, He shall take them away as with a whirlwind, as in His living and burning wrath.

### III. A PRIZED RESULT

- Psalm 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance,
- Psalm 58:11 So that men will say, 'Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is the God who judges in the earth.'