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Vengeance, Justice, and Impersonal Love

Romans 12:19–21



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ἐκδικέω *ekdikeō*

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- ① to procure justice for someone, grant justice**
- ② to inflict appropriate penalty for wrong done (of special significance in an honor/shame-oriented society) punish, take vengeance for**
- ③ to carry out one’s obligations in a worthy manner, do justice to (BDAG)**

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vengeance /^lvɛn(d)ʒ(ə)ns/

- **noun** punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong.

avenge

- **verb** inflict harm in return for (an injury or wrong).
 - ▶ inflict retribution on behalf of (a wronged person). (OED)

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antapodidōmi fut
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to give back, pay
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recompense

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נָקַם *naqam*

**take vengeance, revenge,
avenge oneself, be
avenged, be punished**

Num. 31:2, “ ‘Take vengeance on the Midianites for the children of Israel. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.’ ”

Num. 31:3, “So Moses spoke to the people, saying, ‘Arm some of yourselves for war, and let them go against the Midianites to take vengeance for the LORD on Midian.’ ”

Josh. 10:13, “So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.”

Lev. 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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**Isa. 63:1, “Who is this who comes from
Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah,
This One who is glorious in His apparel,
Traveling in the greatness of His strength?
— ‘I who speak in righteousness, mighty
to save.’ ”**

Isa. 63:2, “Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?”

Isa. 63:3, “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.

Isa. 63:4, “For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.”

Isa. 63:5, “I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; and My own fury, it sustained Me.

Isa. 63:6, “I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth.”

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Prov. 25:21, “If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

Prov. 25:22, “For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the LORD will reward you.”

**Rom. 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.”**

Prov. 20:22, “Do not say, ‘I will recompense evil’; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.”

Prov. 24:29, “Do not say, ‘I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.’ ”

Prov. 24:17, “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

Prov. 24:18, “Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him.”