

VENGEANCE?

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The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a gospel of hate. We may have enemies, but God does not have to kill them before He blesses us. Rather God can bless you even in the presence of your enemies and your enemies would be confused and powerless.

Vengeance is the next stop for frustrated people. If we are going to fight to win, then we have to fight according to the rules of engagement. It is important that we fight in a strategic manner. In the realm of the spirit, there are definite rules as to how we engage warfare.

David says in Psalm 144:1, "Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight."

There are warfares and there are warfares. You can choose to continue to fight in some warfares, and some warfares would give you no respite or rest till you finish it. However, there are also some warfares that you would have to hands off and allow God to fight for you.

Romans 12:19-21, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

The Word of God instructs us to allow for the wrath of God. It means we must allow God to fight for us. The battle is the Lord's, and He is not about to beat the enemy; He already beat him over 2000 years ago.

Some Misconceptions

1. Some people think their problem is bigger than other people's problems.
2. Some people think their problem is bigger than the anointing in their church.
3. Some people think that prayer is the victory.

Thoughts on Vengeance

1. Believers do not fight physical battles. Prov. 24:29, Matt. 5:43-48.
2. Weapons that we use to fight are not carnal or earthly. 2 Cor. 10:3-6.
3. The real enemies of the believers are not flesh and blood. Ephe. 6:12
4. The battle ground is your mind. Rom. 8:6; Prov. 4:23.
5. Spiritual warfare is primarily a war of words. Prov. 18:20-21.
6. There is no truce or respite in this warfare. Rev. 12:12.

The widow in Luke 18:3-8, asked the judge to avenge for her. The judge here, though an unjust judge, could be said to represent or symbolize God. If the unjust judge would avenge for the woman, how much more would God avenge for those who cry to Him day and night?

Conclusion

The battle is the Lord's and He has won the victory for us. What we have to do is to state it and declare it and emphasize it and confess it in the face of our situations. We do not fight for victory, we fight from victory. Jesus Christ has won the victory, and we have to enforce it by declaring and speaking it. Make it a lifestyle to say what God is saying, and that is what should form the content of your prayers.

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Proverbs 18:20-21).

Quote:

- Anybody can fall, but it is only the strong that rise from their fall and keep going.
- The mouth of a believer is the launching pad for his spirit.