

## RECOMPENSE & VENGEANCE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Before you start meditating and confessing on these promises, it's important as we read the Old Testament to always read through with grace goggles...meaning see Jesus in the scriptures and the promise for you now in Him (since He hadn't come yet in the OT). The biggest part of that is to avoid getting off track in your thinking and to know that now as a born-again believer, you are no longer under a works covenant, so when God talks about sin or disobedience, you need to always remember you are seen now through the blood of Jesus and His perfect obedience and sacrifice. We still choose to obey because we love God, but when we mess up, we aren't under the curse again and haven't lost our right to God's promises.

These scriptures are to provide evidence that it IS God's will for recompense for his people and he DOES desire to avenge whatever the enemy has stolen from you. Knowing the meaning of these words and God's nature is super important as well...God is not looking to get revenge on anyone...not his character and save that for the people in the movies. Here are the true meanings of the word and we can certainly understand how it is in a loving Father's heart for these things for His children.

**Recompense** = compensation or reward given for loss or harm suffered or effort made.

**Vengeance** = punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong (God has contended with the enemy and vengeance is against the enemy, not man. Now, it is true, however that the wicked who choose the enemy over God will be at the short end of the stick as well, but in the mean time he wishes that NONE should perish and that all will come to the saving knowledge of Christ. (2 Pet 3:9)

[Pro 6:31 NKJV] 31 Yet [when] he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

[Joe 2:25 NKJV] 25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

[2Th 1:6 NKJV] 6 since [it is] a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

[Heb 10:30 NKJV] 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."

[Pro 11:31 NKJV] 31 If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

[Isa 65:6 NKJV] 6 "Behold, [it is] written before Me: I will not keep silence, but will repay--Even repay into their bosom—

[Isa 66:6 NKJV] 6 The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the LORD, Who fully repays His enemies!