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David-King over all Israel



Romans 12:19

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Hebrews 10:30

For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

Isaiah 5:20-21

*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!
21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
And clever in their own sight!*

How does spiritually justifying wrong affect us?

- *It may cover up our true motives.*
- *It removes the fault from us, and places it on the Lord.*
- *It makes us call evil good, or wrong right.*
- *It shows we do not have an accurate understanding of the Lord: His nature and character, His principles*

How do we avoid doing this?

- *Know God. Know His Word*
- *Examine your motives before God*
- *Entrust yourself to Him who judges righteously (1 Pet. 2:23)*
- *Do not seek your own justice*
- *Seek godly counsel and heed it*
- *Confess and repent (1 John 1:9)*



¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:10-11 NIV

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

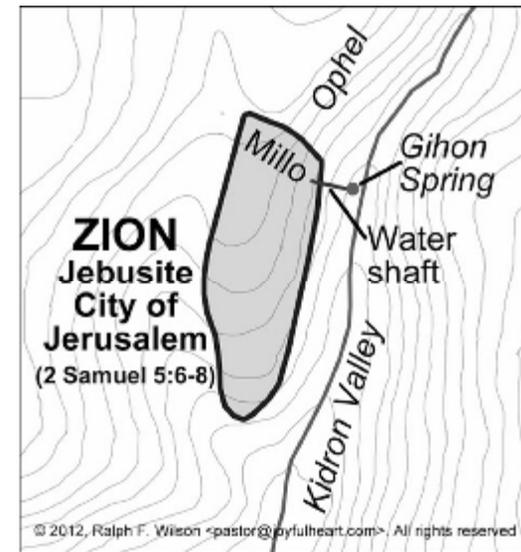
Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock

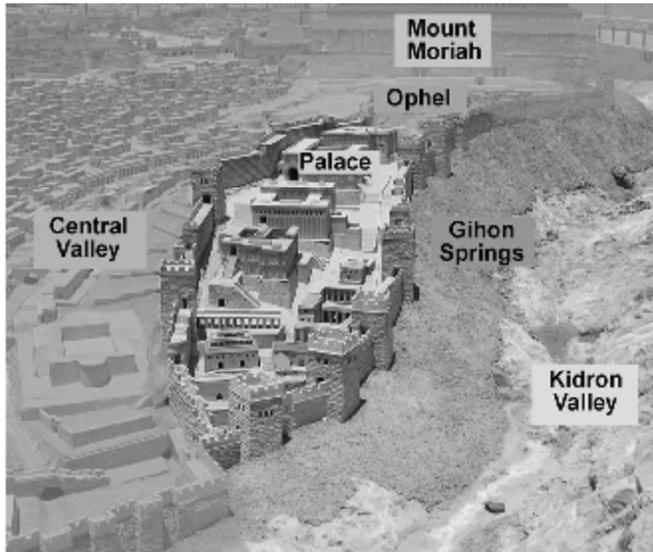
1 Peter 5:1-3

How did the leaders of Israel come under condemnation from the Lord for how they handled their responsibilities in shepherding His people? (Ezekiel 34)

- *They took advantage and exploited the people*
- *They did not protect the people from enemies*
- *They did not provide for the people*
- *They allowed the people to be prey and to be scattered*

23 "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. Ezekiel 34:23-24





2 Samuel 5:10, 12

10 David became greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him.

12 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.





Lessons

- *Never take your own revenge or even on someone else's behalf*
- *Know the character and nature of the Lord*
- *Are you certain that Jesus is your Shepherd?*
- *Do you recognize that the hand of the Lord on your life is bigger than you?*
- *Do you find yourself accepting cultural or worldly philosophies which go against the Word of God?*
- *Do you seek God and His leading in your battles?*