

Our Righteous Sovereign

Executing Vengeance

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the wrath of God, for
it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I
will repay, says the Lord.”

Romans 12:19 (ESV)

- Deuteronomy 32:1-35
- Psalms 78
- Romans 1:18-25 (ESV)
 - Ungodly people in “their unrighteousness **suppress** the truth...”
 - “...they are without excuse...”

It has
always been
just for God
to avenge

- Government
 - Romans 13:4
- Individuals
 - Deuteronomy 13:6-11
 - II Thessalonians 3:10
- Church
 - I Corinthians 5:1-5
- In the final analysis by God himself
 - Now, Romans 1:24, 26, 28 “God gave them up”
 - Finally, Romans 14:10

God's
wrath
executed
by agents

- Swiftly in some cases
 - Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11
 - Uzzah, II Samuel 6:3-7
- Delayed in others
- Unlike my efforts
 - Hebrews 12:1-11
 - II Samuel 6:8-9

God's wrath
always
appropriately
delivered

- Wrath for punishment (righteous judgment)
 - Noah's flood victims, Sodom
 - Deuteronomy 9:8
 - Romans 1:18
 - Romans 2:5
- Discipline for purity

Wrath's
Purpose
Romans 2:15-16



We must run from evil...

- God gives strength
- Good is a powerful tool
 - Romans 12:21
- God always seeks repentance
 - Ezekiel 18:21, 30
 - Zephaniah 2:3