

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1370: Will God's Vengeance Bring the End of the World?

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SHOW NOTES

1. Why is God angry with the world? Why should God expect righteousness and honor from people who do not know about Him? Where does the honor which should go to their Creator get misplaced? (Romans 1:18-23)
2. What is vengeance? What is retribution? How you feel when you want to take revenge on someone who has wronged you? Is this the kind of revenge God seeks? What is the difference in the focus or purpose of our seeking vengeance and God's? (Genesis 4:15, Deuteronomy 32:35-36)
3. Do you ever bear a grudge? What are the scriptural guidelines governing our taking revenge? (Genesis 4:15, Leviticus 19:17-18, Romans 12:18-19, Proverbs 20:22, 1 Thessalonians 4:4-6, MacLaren's Exposition quote)
4. **Exodus 20:1-7, Commandments 1-3** – These deal with the relationship between God and man
  - a. Does this present world follow these commandments well? Do you have “idols” in your life?
  - b. **Nahum 1:2-3**: Who is God angry with in these verses? Why? Define God's character. (Psalm 89:14)
  - c. **Nahum 1:3-4**: Generally, what do storms and clouds, whirlwinds, the sea, and rivers scripturally symbolize? (Joel 2:1-2, Isaiah 57:20, 66:15, Jeremiah 25:32, Revelation 22:1,17)
  - d. Is this vengeance for the sake of revenge? Explain. (“Verifying God's Vengeance” box)
5. **Exodus 20:8,12, Commandments 4-5**—These deal with honoring God's provision for us
  - a. How well does our present society honor parents, authority figures and teachers? Do you treat others in a way that will lift them up, help them improve? How does God's plan use vengeance to help man?
  - b. **Nahum 1:5**: What do mountains, hills, earth and the world prophetically symbolize? What is the chief of the mountains?
  - c. **Nahum 1:6**: What does fire do in Scripture? What is God's vengeance accomplishing?
  - d. **Nahum 1:7-9**: Why is it necessary for God to make a complete end to wickedness? Is there comfort here?
6. **Exodus 20:8,12; Commandments 6-10**—These deal with the relationship between people
  - a. How are we doing today with these commandments? Are we living up to the integrity the Lord expects?
7. **Psalms 46:1-11, Zephaniah 3:8-9, Psalms 76:8-10**—Does God's vengeance bring the end of the world as we know it? Discuss Psalm 46 in regards to:
  - a. **Verses 1,4,5: Promises**—can you hold onto these promises to combat the fear of today's troubled times?
  - b. **Verses 2,3,6: Trouble**—rephrase these verses without the symbolic pictures.
  - c. **8-11: Accomplishments**—what was the purpose for all this trouble?
8. How does the wrath of man praise God? How can you see God's vengeance in the full picture of His love, power, wisdom and justice?