



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:15; Luke 23:33-37 (NAS)

“Payment Made Not In Similar Fashion”

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I Thessalonians 5:15

15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

Luke 23:33-37

33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."

36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,

37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever

I. TRUTHS THAT DRIVE THIS RESPONSE

A. To Please Our God *I Thessalonians 4:1*

B. To Progress In Sanctification *I Thessalonians 4:3a*

1. Becoming like God - holy

2. It should be the nature of His people

C. Be Sure You Are One Of The Brethren *I Thessalonians 5:9-10; Acts 16:31*

II. EXHORTATION TO ADMONISH AND TO BE PATIENT vs. 14

A. Admonish Those Who Return Evil For Evil

B. Patience Can Prevent Retuning Evil For Evil

III. WE ARE TO WORK OUT OUR SAVATION IN TO CONTEXT OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

IV. EVIL WILL BE DONE TO GOD'S PEOPLE

A. It May Take Many Forms

B. Don't Be Surprised By Evil Done To You *John 16:33*

C. Scripture Anticipates Our Wrong Response

D. Subtle Forms Of Retaliation

E. Prohibition To Not Return Evil For Evil *I Thessalonians 5:15*

1. It is a command

2. To be our response to all believers and to all men

V. OUR RESPONSE TO EVIL

A. Pray For God's Help To Crucify A Spirit Of Vengeance *Romans 12:17a, 19*

B. The Positive Command

1. Seek the good toward our offender

2. God is not content with non-action *Ephesians 25, 28-29*

C. What Is The Good We Are To Return?

1. Love Your Enemy *Matthew 5:39, 44*

a. be patient

b. be kind

c. don't take into account wrongs suffered

d. pray for them

D. Practicing This In Our Home Will Please The Lord

E. Practicing This In The World Will Allow Men To See Jesus