



LESSON 16: Check mate Esther 8:9-17

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Read Proverbs 6:34-35.

According to this, what can be the underlying cause of a desire for revenge?

What will one who desires revenge refuse to take?

Read Leviticus 19: 17-18. How are we not to feel toward others? Why?

What does the Lord specifically tell us not to take and not to bear here?

How are we to treat our neighbors?

Read 1 John 3:12-15. What does John equate hate with here?

Read Romans 12:17-21. What "debt" are we not to repay in kind?

What should we do instead?

How are we to live (as far as we are able)?

Whose wrath should we leave our revenge to?

What are we not to be overcome by?

How might this happen, in light of these 4 verses?

What are we to overcome evil with?

(We looked at this on day three, but it bears repeating, so I'm including this question again here.) Read 1 Corinthians 6:17-20. Paul is addressing a specific sin here. What sin is Paul talking about?

What is unique about the body of a believer?

Why are we no longer our own masters?

What is Paul's conclusion for how we should act in light of this?

Read Romans 1:18-23. Where is the wrath of God revealed from?

What is it revealed against?

What do men suppress?

What does that tell you about what all men know about the truth?

Why is what can be known about God plain to all men? How are His invisible attributes visible?

Who did man choose to worship instead of God?

What claims about themselves did they make?

As you spend time with God today, consider: what is it that you worship?

What is it that consumes the majority of your time? What consumes the majority of your thoughts?

What is the one thing that you can't do without?

If the answer to any of those things is anything other than God, you need to take a hard look at your priorities. Don't misunderstand; we all have to work and that is necessary. However, when we work, are we working as the world does, or are we working as for the Lord? We are no longer our own, but have been bought with a price. Ask God to help you to see if you are living for Him, or if you are still living for yourself, seeking your own vengeance out of jealousy or hatred; seeking to be seen as "wise" by the world. Ask Him to help destroy those self-seeking tendencies in you and to continue to refine and sharpen you to be more like Him. Ask Him to help you to recognize the idols in your life and to help you to remove those things so that you rely wholly on Him.