



You Meant It For Evil

Genesis 50:15-21

I. The World's Response to

- A. Make a conscious decision to hold a grudge
- B. Wait for an opportunity for payback
- C. Make them pay for what they did to you



Charles Hodge

“The circumstances of every man’s birth, life, and death, are ordered by God. Whether we are born in a pagan or Christian land...whether weak or strong; with many, or few talents; whether we are prosperous or afflicted; whether we live a longer or shorter time, are not matters determined by chance, or by the unintelligent sequence of events, but by the will of God.”

Charlotte Bronte

“Something of vengeance I had tasted for the first time; as aromatic wine it seemed, on swallowing, warm and racy: its after-flavour, metallic and corroding, gave me a sensation as if I had been poisoned.”

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- I. The world's response to personal wrongs
- II. The sinning believer's repentance for personal wrongs
- III. The believer's response to personal wrongs



II. The Sinning Believer's

- A. Be open to the pangs of conscience, conviction
- B. Quickly seek to be reconciled
- C. Freely acknowledge sin w/o caveats or excuses
- D. Specifically ask for forgiveness
- E. Go in the spirit of humility
- F. Be willing to make restitution

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- D. Know that God intends to use even the sins of others for good
- E. Choose to return good for evil

God vs. Evil

- Not the source
- Does not tempt to evil
- Does not force man to evil
- Does not exempt man from responsibility



Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

With Respect to

- Prevents
- Permits
- Directs
- Limits

