

Word 2: recompense

*Definition*1. To award compensation to, 2. To award compensation for; make a return for*

As in “reconcile”, recompense, in the business world, equates to dollars and cents. Employees are recompensed by their employer. Civil suits are filed, and victims are recompensed for losses. What if God recompensed us for our sins? We would all be doomed to eternal death instead of eternal life.

Remember Word 1: reconcile? Well, recompense is what happens to those not reconciled to the salvation of Jesus Christ.

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:30-31

That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God. Ezekiel 11:20-21

That’s some scary stuff, huh? Read the old testament, he wasn’t kidding! We all know the story of Moses. Just look what he did to Egypt because the Pharaoh wouldn’t let the Hebrews leave. He besots them with 10 plagues...Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Livestock deaths, Boils, Hail, Locust, Darkness, and the Death of firstborn. (Note: the 10 plagues can be found in the Bible from [Exodus 7:14 to Exodus 12:36](#).)

Our reconciliation through Christ, our Savior, removes us from His recompensing. That doesn’t mean it’s up to us to recompense others; the Lord will take care of that.

Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. Proverbs 20:22

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17

The current atmosphere of turmoil within our country and around the world would have us believe that it is up to us to confront every evil thing. Yes, we must do the right thing in the face of evil, but to judge is not up to us. *The Lord shall judge his people.* Our place is to reconcile to one another the best way we can.

As a Christian, and as a person, I believe we cannot turn our heads away from the evil around us. We must however use discernment. That is the next word in this series, discernment. We must use our discernment to guide our choices.

Because we are reconciled to God, we are removed from His recompense. I am very happy of that. The wrath of God is not something I would want bestowed on me. How about you?

Until next time, be blessed,



Cindy Lee Nonnemacher
Author

*Definition from: www.thefreedictionary.com