

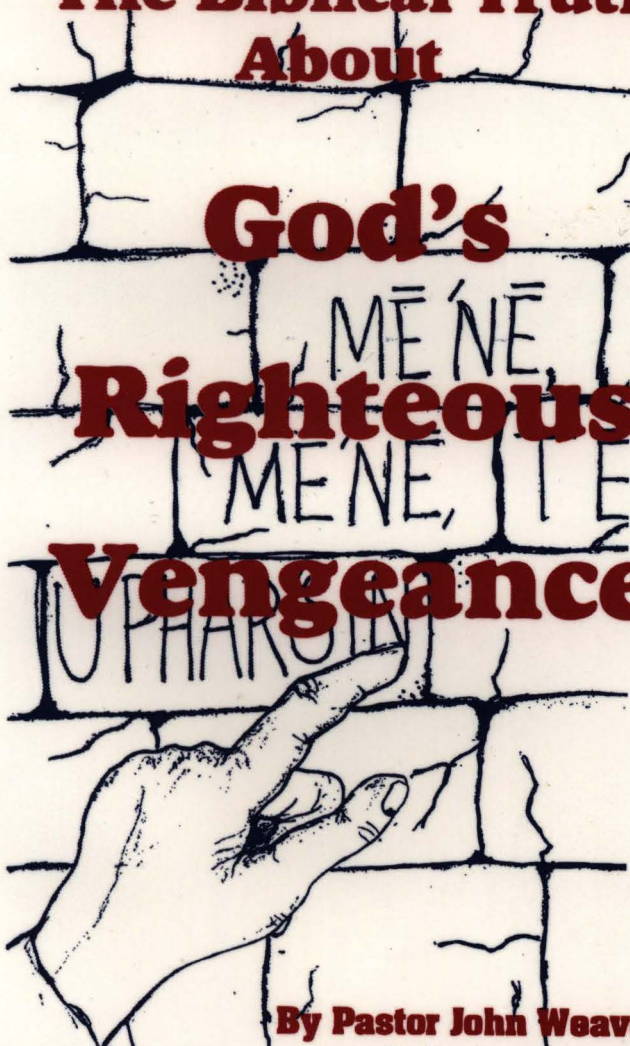
**The Biblical Truth
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God's

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all the saints who have patiently suffered wrongs, oppression, persecution, and injustice. Many modern day saints have been forced to cry with the saints of old, ... "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:10) In many instances the saints have lost their homes, properties, possessions, liberties, and in some cases, their lives. Wickedness shall not always triumph! Wrongs shall be righted, crooked places made straight, injustices corrected, and the righteous vindicated. God is still on the throne. We can be assured that the Judge of all the earth shall do right. Lord, hasten the day.

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FOREWORD***THE BIBLICAL TRUTH ABOUT
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“In the beginning God...” These are the first four words of the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God recorded in the book of Genesis. It is a profound, yet simple statement of truth and fact that comprises the foundation of every truth contained within each of the Bible’s sixty-six books. Not only was God “in the beginning” - He was before all things. While the Bible is God’s revelation of His character, His will, and His orderly way, it does not pretend to be a text providing scientific, academic, or empirical proof of God. It simply declares that He is the infinite God, the self-existent, sovereign I AM. Everything that God intends for man to know about Himself, His person, His attributes, His will, and His orderly way can be found in the Bible.

When one reads of this true God in the Bible and compares Him with the gods of our day which are so popular and widely accepted in many religious communities, he must see that

there is a great disparity between them. Satan delights to make men religious as long as the God of the Bible remains a stranger to them, and he has been especially successful at this by seducing us into believing that there are two Gods in the Bible. He wishes for us to believe that there is a "God of the Old Testament" who is legalistic, harsh, cruel, and vengeful; and that there is a "God of the New Testament" who is simply a "sweet, gentle, loving Jesus," altogether different from the "God of the Old Testament." This "God of the New Testament," so we are told, places no demands upon mankind, requires no responsibility or accountability for sin, and would never punish anyone for sin. Of course, God's Word, forever settled in the heaven (Psalm 119:89), has "forever settled" it that the "two Gods of the Bible" theory is humanistic fiction. The prophet Isaiah declared, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). This was echoed by the angel of the annunciation concerning the birth of Jesus: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus Christ is God. Therefore, the "God of the Old Testament" was not discarded or exchanged for a new one in the New Testament. The "God

of the Old Testament” and the “God of the New Testament” are one and the same. There has always been but one true God, and He never changes. (Mark 12:32; Romans 3:30; I Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; I Timothy 2:5; James 2:19; Psalm 118:89)

There is no fear of God before the eyes of mankind (Romans 3:18), including many who profess the name of Christ, in these days of unprecedented lawlessness and iniquity. There are reasons for this: One, because there is little preaching about the true God of the Bible, mankind is ignorant of the true God of the Bible (I Thessalonians 4:5; II Thessalonians 1:8); Two, mankind hates the true God of the Bible (Romans 1:29); Three, mankind has substituted the true God of the Bible with a god whom they believe will never deal in vengeance with sin and sinners; Four, mankind has abandoned God, and because they have chosen not to retain the knowledge of the true God of the Bible, He has given them over to a reprobate mind (Romans 1:28); Five, they do not believe that “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31).

This book is about the true God of the Bible. Pastor Weaver has courageously written this challenging book to proclaim and exalt the true God of the Bible by dealing with the rarely-ref-

erenced doctrine of God's righteous vengeance. He wastes no time dealing with humanistic speculations or opinions about divine vengeance. He begins, proceeds, and concludes with God's Word. He is not at all timid about declaring that apart from divine vengeance, there is no salvation. I commend him for his courage and willingness to deal with this awesome and important subject that has been too long ignored by the Christian community at large.

This book will help Christians gain a better understanding of the true God of the Bible. It is **must** reading for every preacher of the Gospel. Hopefully, it will inspire a renewed commitment to the preaching of the whole counsel of God.

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DEFINITIONS

In the Old Testament, the basic Hebrew word for vengeance is *naqam*. It means to avenge, punish, or settle quarrel with vengeance. It is the primary word that is translated vengeance in the Old Testament passages.

In the New Testament, the basic Greek word for vengeance is *ekdikos*. It means to revenge, punish, or carry out justice. Literally, it refers to an exacting out or a bringing out of justice.

Since this book is about the righteous vengeance of God, we must understand that vengeance is an act of God. Vengeance is in the realm of retributive justice whereby God requites the sinner and the wicked for their long continued sins of rebellion and disobedience. Retributive justice relates to the infliction of penalties. God distributes this justice in exercising His vengeance by not only allowing the wicked to reap what they have sown, but also by positively inflicting upon them the just rewards (punishments) merited by their lives and labors.

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Chapter 1

The Principle of Vengeance

To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. Deuteronomy 32:35

See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand. {40} For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. {41} If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. {42} I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. {43} Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people. Deuteronomy 32:39-43

“The biblical doctrine of vengeance” is a phrase that sounds exceedingly strange to our ears, yet it is taught throughout the Word of God - very clearly and definitely. When we think of vengeance, we most often think of the perverted and wicked revenge that proceeds from our own sinful hearts. Vengeance, however, is not only