

“When We Have Been Wronged”

Rom. 12:19-21

Introduction

- I. At some point in life it is likely that someone will do us wrong.
 - A. Sometimes it is spreading lies about us.
 - B. Other times it might be physical mistreatment.
- II. The Bible has many examples and instructions about what to do when we are wronged.

Discussion

- I. First, some examples of those who were done wrong.
 - A. Miriam and Aaron opposed the leadership of Moses (Num. 12:1-2).
 - B. Ahithophel betrayed David (2 Sam. 15:31).
 - C. Judas betrayed Jesus (Luke 22:47-48).
 - D. Peter denied Jesus three times (Luke 22:54-62).
 - E. Demas forsook Paul (2 Tim. 4:10).
 - F. Alexander the coppersmith did much evil to Paul (2 Tim. 4:14).
- II. What are some reasons why others do us wrong?
 - A. Selfishness (1 Cor. 10:24; 13:4-8).
 - B. Greed (John 12:6; Matt. 26:15).
 - C. Lack of love (John 21:15-18).
- III. What are we to do when we have been wronged?
 - A. Never seek vengeance (Rom. 12:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 4:31).
 - B. Pray for the wrongdoer (Matt. 5:44-48).
 - C. If a brother sins against you, confront him (Matt. 18:15).
 - D. Forgive the wrongdoer if he repents (17:3-4).

Conclusion

- I. I wish I could tell us that we will never be wronged, but I cannot (2 Tim. 3:12).
- II. It is imperative that we learn how to handle such mistreatment so that we remain right with man and God.