

Overcome By Evil

Description

Romans 12:14-21

When Paul instructs us to bless those who persecute us, he echoes Jesus's words in the Sermon on the Mount.

The followers of Jesus still have those who oppose and seek to destroy. Paul's instructions to love and do good, even to those who seek to do harm, is counter-intuitive to our selfish nature. We would want to strike back, take revenge, even the score. Revenge lets evil win twice.

To repay evil for evil is to let the evil done to us by others become a resident in our own heart and mind. The evil done to us must not be allowed to become part of us and take control. No, Paul instructs us to let our love be sincere (v. 9) and to overcome the evil that would root itself into our own psyche. To overcome evil with good is his prescription.

How does this happen? By the mercies of God (v. 1) we sacrifice our selfish being to God and allow Him to transform our mind (v.2) by the work of His Holy Spirit.

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