### Psalm 94:1-3 (NLT)

O LORD, the God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, let your glorious justice shine forth! <sup>2</sup> Arise, O judge of the earth. Give the proud what they deserve. <sup>3</sup> How long, O LORD? How long will the wicked be allowed to gloat?

### Psalm 94:9-10 (NLT)

Is he deaf - the one who made your ears? Is he blind - the one who formed your eyes? <sup>10</sup> He punishes the nations - won't he also punish you? He knows everything - doesn't he also know what you are doing?

## Psalm 94:12-13 (NLT)

Joyful are those you discipline, LORD, those you teach with your instructions. <sup>13</sup> You give them relief from troubled times until a pit is dug to capture the wicked. Psalm 94:18-19 (NLT) I cried out, "I am slipping!" but your unfailing love, O LORD, supported me. <sup>19</sup> When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

# You REAP What you SOW

### Psalm 94:1-23

The complaint is that the **RIGHTEOUS** are being OPPRESSED, the WICKED are PROSPERING, and it looks like God does NOT CARE.

The psalmist **BEGS God** to **JUDGE** the **wicked**.

MacArthur

## God is the ONE who will AVENGE

- <sup>2</sup> Rise up, O Judge of the earth; PAY BACK to the proud what they DESERVE.
  - <sup>3</sup>...how LONG will the wicked be Jubilant?

#### Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take REVENGE, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is MINE to AVENGE; I will REPAY," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, FEED him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
 <sup>21</sup> Do NOT be overcome by evil, but OVERCOME evil with GOOD.

# If you Think you are Getting Away with it - you are NOT

<sup>9</sup> Is He DEAF - the one who made your ears? Is He BLIND - the one who formed your eyes? (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> ...He KNOWS everything - doesn't He also KNOW what you are doing? (NLT)

### Hosea 10:13 (NLT)

But you have **cultivated** wickedness and **harvested** a thriving crop of sins. You have eaten the fruit of lies - trusting in your military might, believing that great armies could make your nation safe. Galatians 6:7 (NLT) Don't be misled - you cannot mock the JUSTICE of God. You will ALWAYS HARVEST what you PLANT. You REAP....
WHAT you sow
LATER than you sow
MORE than you sow

## God's Discipline is PROOF that we BELONG to Him

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man You **DISCIPLINE**, O LORD, the man You **TEACH** from **Your Law**...

#### Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV)

Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God DISCIPLINES us for our GOOD, that we may share in His holiness. <sup>11</sup> NO discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been TRAINED by it. God PROMISES...
RELIEF from days of trouble
PUNISHMENT for the wicked
He will NEVER Forsake us
Justice will TRIUMPH over evil

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# →It is NOT up to me to Keep SCORE

# <sup>23</sup> HE will REPAY them for their sins and DESTROY them for their wickedness...

The attribute of Divine Wrath should bring both PATIENCE and PEACE to God's people, knowing that ONE day God will settle ALL accounts.