

Sunday, August 1, 2021



“When Doing Nothing Cost You Everything”
Obadiah

Have you ever wanted to get even with someone? Why? What was the result?

Read Genesis 27:41 regarding the rivalry between Jacob and Esau and the long-standing grudge. What grudges are you carrying? How are they affecting you?

God issues three charges against Edom. The first is in v10. This is the misapplied, “eye for an eye” principle which Jesus transforms. Does this verse apply to you? How?

God’s second charge is in v11. This is the “sin of omission.” The ability to help someone and choosing not to. Where have you seen this applied to your life? Is there an opportunity you have had, something you could do to help someone and chosen not to? Why? What would God have done in that moment?

We sometimes confuse our “rights” with our “responsibilities” as God’s people. Can you name an example? Read Matthew 25:41-45. How can you apply this to your life?

God’s third charge in v13 is gloating, celebrating over someone else’s failures and taking advantage of them. Has that happened to you? Can you think of a time when you might have done that to another?

Obadiah concludes with the assurance that God can, and will take care of those who take advantage of others, and that He holds us responsible for our lack of help, when we know we can. What prayer can you make in light of those two truths?
