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Righteous Retribution

Definition

- Retribution
 - Re-Tribuere
 - To give or pay back
 - The act of getting back what one deserves
 - Can be good or bad
 - Based of human standards or divine decrees

Types of Retribution

- Human - Human
 - Justice for crimes against human laws
- Divine – Human
 - Justice for crimes against God's Laws
- God's laws are more important than human laws

Old Testament Retribution

- To be like God
 - Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:16-19)
 - Eating of the Fruit to obtain knowledge and wisdom
 - Banishment and Death
 - Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:8)
 - Reach the Heavens to be like God
 - Scattering and Confusing of Language



Old Testament Retribution (cont.)

- Returning Gifts
 - Abraham and Sarah
 - Given the son Isaac
 - Promise of Countless Descendants
 - Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22:16-18)
 - Not withholding anything
 - Offspring will be numerous as the stars of heaven, grains of sand



Old Testament Retribution (cont.)

- Shifting Times
 - David Orders the Killing of Uriah (2 Samuel 12:10-12)
 - Sword will never leave his house, was done in secret will be done in public
 - His child born of Bathsheba will die
 - Only one child, not passing on any more

Old Testament Retribution (cont.)

- Time of the Exile
 - During the time of Ezekiel punishment has shifted from descendants and family to punish the offender
 - Ezekiel 33:10-20 : The if the Righteous sin, they will be punished, if the wicked turn away from sin they will be rewarded



Conclusion

- Retribution used to be passed on from Generation to Generation based off the sins of the previous Generation.
- Around the time of David, it begins to taper off and God's Punishment is no longer for all Generations to come
- During the Exile, the punishment has become one that affects only those now living and not their descendants