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"Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

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Two responses:

- Positive marked by three commands
- Negative marked by three witnesses
   Conclusion: A call to persevere

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