

# Ezekiel 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

## Analysis

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**"As for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head."** God responds to Ezekiel's intercession by affirming judgment's necessity. The repetition of "mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity" (cf. 5:11; 7:4, 9; 8:18) emphasizes settled determination. "Recompense their way upon their head" (darkam be-rosham natati, דָּרְכָם בְּרֹאשָׁם נָתַתִּי) means giving them exactly what their conduct deserves—perfect measure-for-measure justice. God's refusal to spare demonstrates that persistent sin exhausts divine patience, requiring full judgment.

## Historical Context

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God's unwavering commitment to execute judgment without mitigation seems harsh but reflects perfect justice. For decades (even centuries), Israel received warnings, reformatations, prophetic pleas, and opportunities for repentance. Each was spurned. When patience is systematically violated and mercy presumed upon, unmixed judgment becomes necessary to vindicate divine holiness and teach future generations the seriousness of covenant violation.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

1. How does God's refusal to spare challenge sentimental views that minimize divine wrath?
2. What does 'recompense their way upon their head' teach about measure-for-measure justice?
3. In what ways does persistent sin exhaust divine patience, making unmixed judgment necessary?

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| וְגַם                    | אֲנִי     | לֹא             | תַּח וְסֵ             | עֵינַי                      | וְלִי אֵ |
| H1571                    | H589      | H3808           | shall not spare       | And as for me also mine eye | H3808    |
|                          |           |                 | H2347                 | H5869                       |          |
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| אֲחַמּוּ לִ              | דִּרְכָּם | בְּרֹאשָׁם      | נִתְתִּי:             |                             |          |
| neither will I have pity | their way | upon their head | but I will recompense |                             |          |
| H2550                    | H1870     | H7218           | H5414                 |                             |          |

**Ezekiel 11:21** (Parallel theme): But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

**Ezekiel 8:18** (Parallel theme): Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

**Ezekiel 5:11** (Parallel theme): Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

**Hosea 9:7** (Parallel theme): The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

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