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OT503 Reading the Old Testament

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Synopsis

1. The text I will be using is the book of Job: "For He pays a man according to his work, And makes him find it according to his way." Job 34:11
2. I will be focusing on the retribution principal
 - What is the retribution principal?
 - What is the history of it in the Bible?
 - Does it apply to Job's circumstance?
 - How does God respond to Job?
3. Tentative bibliography
 - a. Berlejung, Angelika *Sin and Punishment: The Ethics of Divine Justice and Retribution in Ancient Near Eastern and Old Testament Texts*, Leipzig, Germany, Sage Publishing, 2015.
 - b. Lichtenstein, Aaron, *Irony in The Book Of Job*, Atlanta, 2020
 - c. Rogers, Katherin A., *Retribution, Forgiveness, and the Character Creation Theory of Punishment*, Department of Philosophy University of Delaware, 2007
 - d. Bartusch, Mark W., *The Formation of the Book of Job: The Priority of Poetry, the Primacy or Prose*, American Theological Library Association, 2016
4. I anticipate using historical criticism and possibly narrative or form, to better understand the principle of retribution found in the book of Job.