

Righteousness #4: Retaliation Explained

Matthew 5:38-42

I. TRADITION: "You have heard" (vv.38)

A. Interpretation: "it was said" (v.38a)

B. Instructions: "an eye for an eye" (v.38b)

1. Prevention: "pay as the judges decide" (Ex. 21:22-25)

2. Protection: "shall not show pity" (Deut. 19:15-21)

3. Punishment: "shall be inflicted on him" (Lev. 24:17-23)

II. TRUTH: "but I say to you" (v.39a)

A. Assault: "do not resist"

* "resist" = withstand, oppose, stand against

B. Assailant: "him who is evil"

* "evil" = wicked, bad, malignant

III. TRAINING: "turn...allow...go...give..." (vv.39b-42)

A. Indignity: "slaps you on the right cheek" (v.39b)

B. Insecurity: "wants to sue you" (v.40)

C. Insensitivity: "shall force you to go one mile" (v.41)

D. Ingratitude: "asks of you...wants to borrow" (v.42)

Next Week: "Righteousness #5: Love Explained"

Read: Matthew 5:43-48