



Different

MATTHEW 5:38-48



Matthew 5:38-41

38 You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Matthew 5:43-48

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

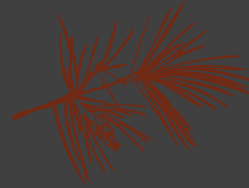
44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



An Eye For an Eye

Exodus 21:23-25

But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Leviticus 24:19-20

If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him, 20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him.

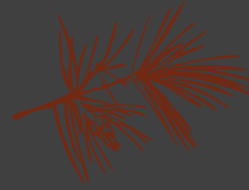
Deuteronomy 19:21

Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.



An Eye For an Eye: The World's Standard

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAD PERVERTED
RESTRAINING CIVIL LAW INTO
UNRESTRAINED PERSONAL RETRIBUTION.



An Eye For an Eye: Jesus' Standard

If someone dishonors you or humiliates you, allow them to double down.

If someone unjustly sues you into poverty, do not exercise your rights, but allow the offense.

If someone asks of something from you, give them with open hands.

Exodus 22:26-27

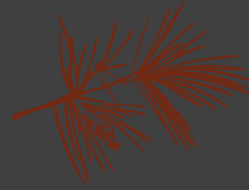
If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, 27 for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate. If someone asks of something from you, give them with open hands.

Love your Neighbor: The World's Standard

Leviticus 19:18 - You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 5:43 - You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

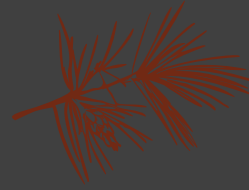
THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TWISTED SCRIPTURE AND TAUGHT THAT THEY WERE ALLOWED TO HATE THEIR ENEMIES.



Love Your Neighbor: Jesus' Standard

LOVE WHEN IT HURTS, **NOT** JUST WHEN ITS EASY.





God's Standard

God's Standard is His own perfection.

τέλειος – perfect, with a sense of completion or maturity.

CHRIST ACHIEVED THIS STANDARD THROUGH
HIS SACRIFICE.

Live Different



Live Different by loving when it is hardest.

Live Different by giving to others when it costs something.

Live Different by Trusting God when it hurts

