

In God's kingdom, retaliation for personal, prideful, or perceived "rights" are forsaken, *making Christians the most forbearing people on earth.*

- I. "An Eye for an Eye" – What is retaliation? (Matthew 5:38)
 - a. Justice in the Old Testament
 - b. Laws for different spheres of life.
- II. Retaliation is Rejected in Principle.
 - a. Retaliation for personal reasons.
 - b. Retaliation for pride or reputation.
 - c. Retaliation for "my rights."
- III. Forbearing in all things.
 - a. Forbearing like an "anvil" with the violent. (Matthew 5:39b)
 - b. Forbearing as a TRUE act of tolerance. (Matthew 5:40)
 - c. Forbearing by going the extra mile. (Matthew 5:41)
 - d. Forbearing by giving to the needy. (Matthew 5:42)