

The Sermon on the Mount



Matthew 5:38-48

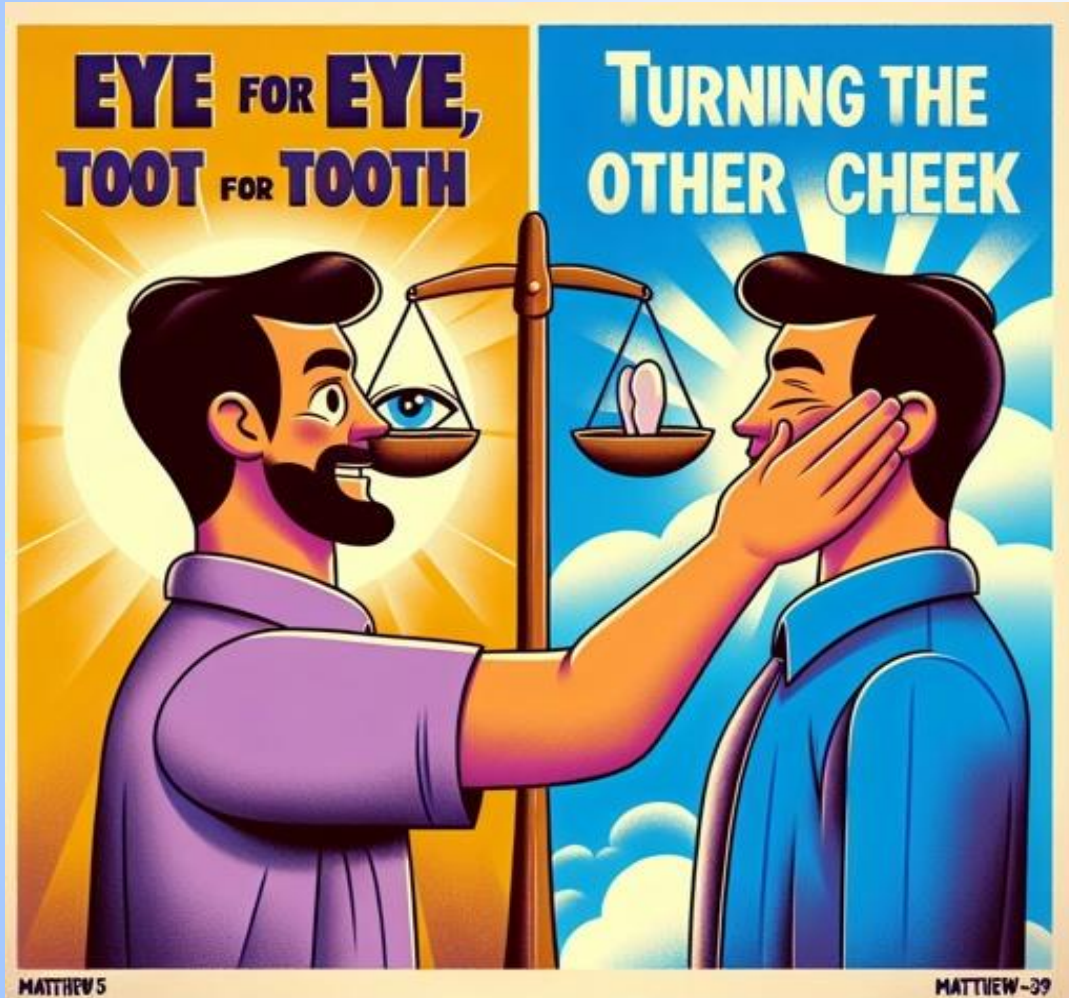
Eye for eye

‘You have heard that it was said, “Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.”^[a] ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love for enemies

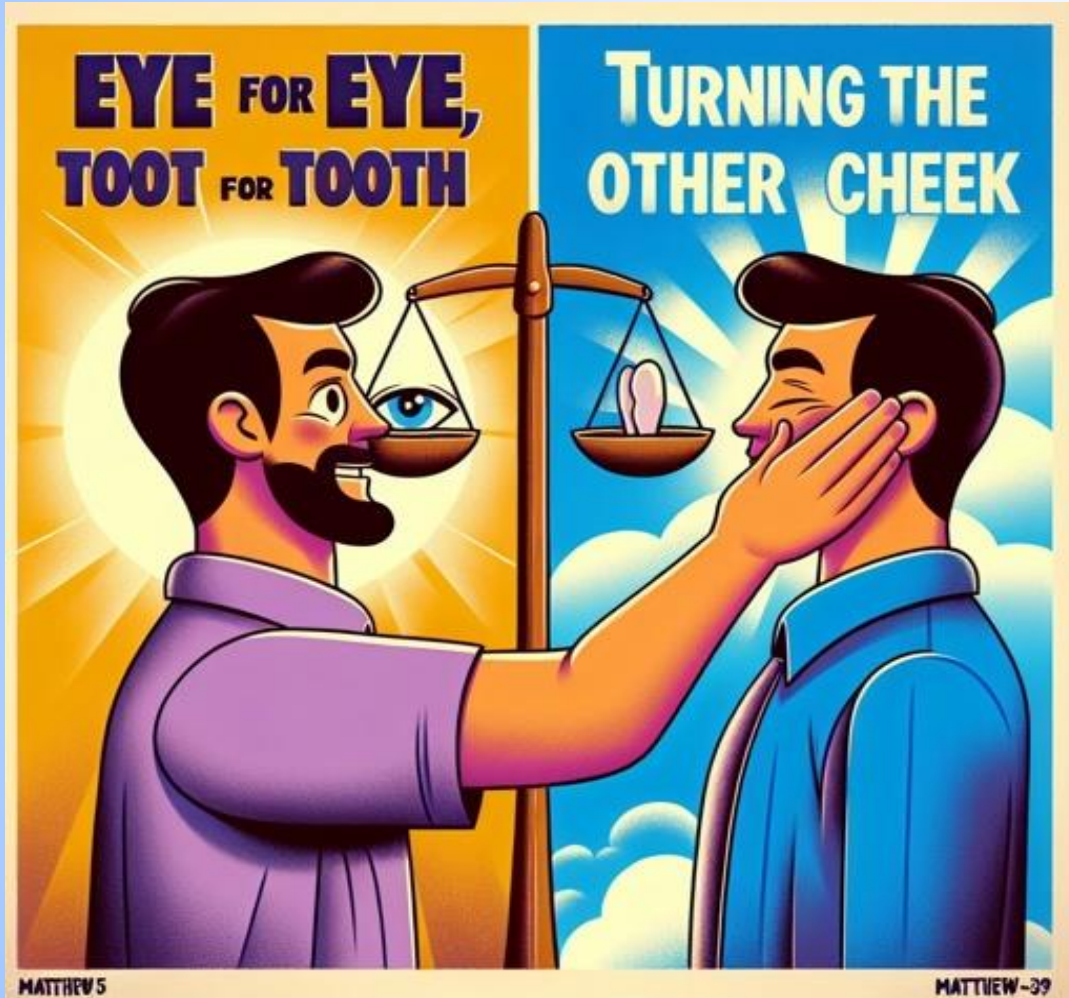
‘You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbour^[b] and hate your enemy.” ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:vs 38-39



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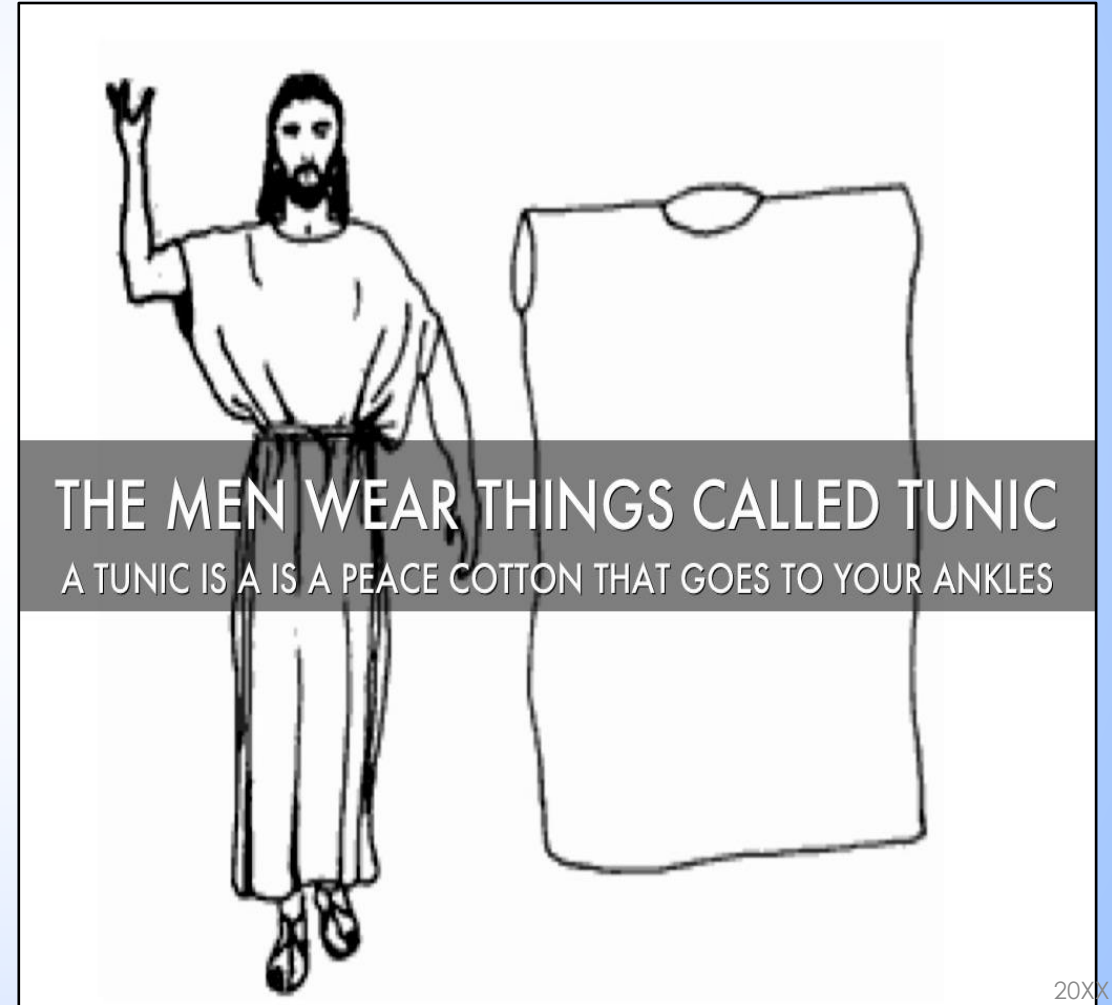


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“Eye for eye, and tooth for
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**But I tell you, do not resist an evil
person.**

**If anyone slaps you on the right
cheek, turn to them the other
cheek also.**

If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.



If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles



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Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away
from the one who wants to borrow from you



So far.....

- Enemies

- those who injure us, strike us, sue us or compel us .

- Remedy

- “turn the other (cheek) also” — “let him have your cloak also” — “go with him two.”

- **Don't Retaliate**

- **Act with Mercy** which is

- painful, uncomfortable, inconvenient

- costly

- vulnerable, requires humility, has no room for pride

- doing more than legally required

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

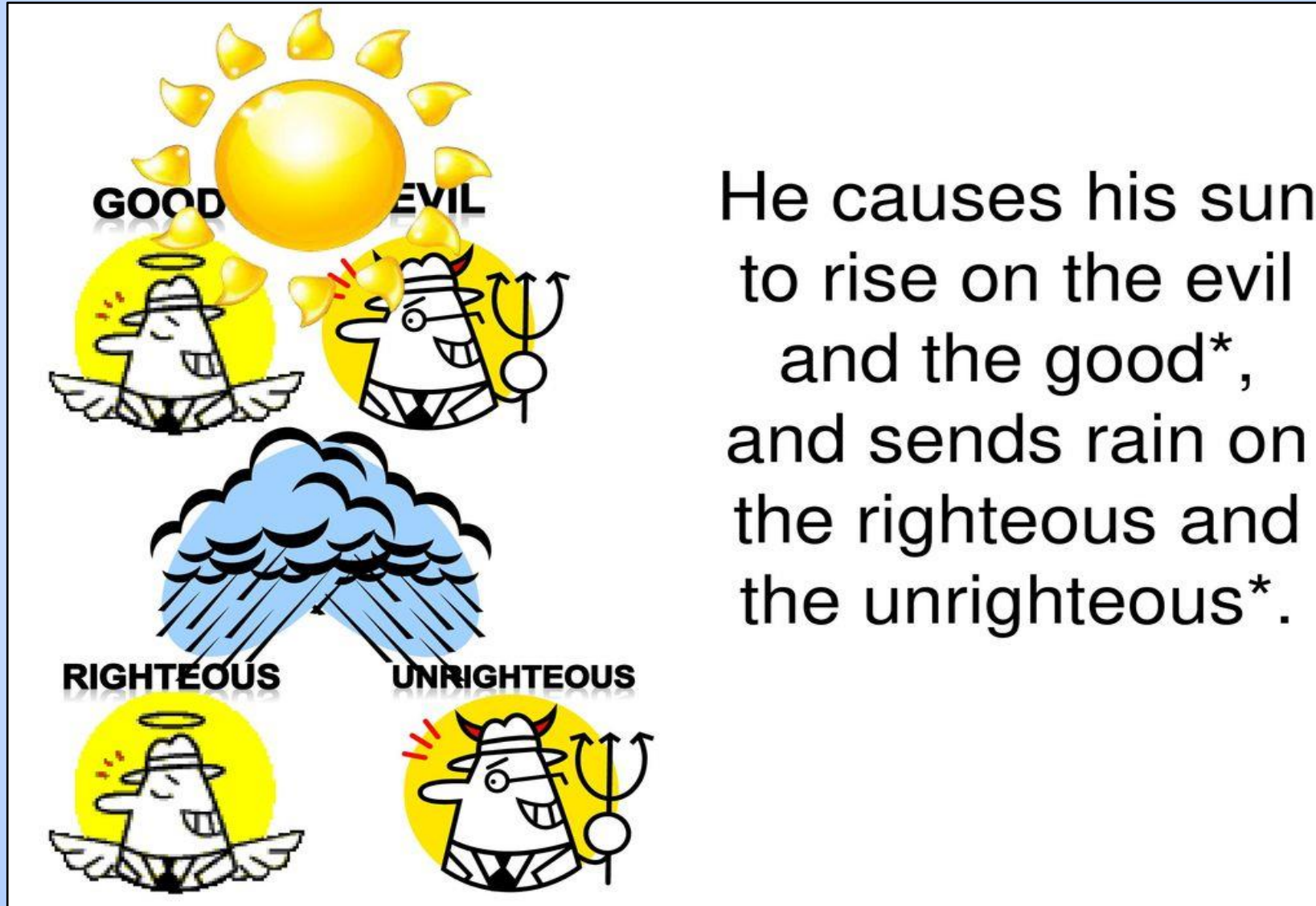
Love your Enemies?



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~ Matthew 5:43-45 ~

Matthew 5:vs 41



Matthew 5:vs 46-47



If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

So how do we love our enemies?

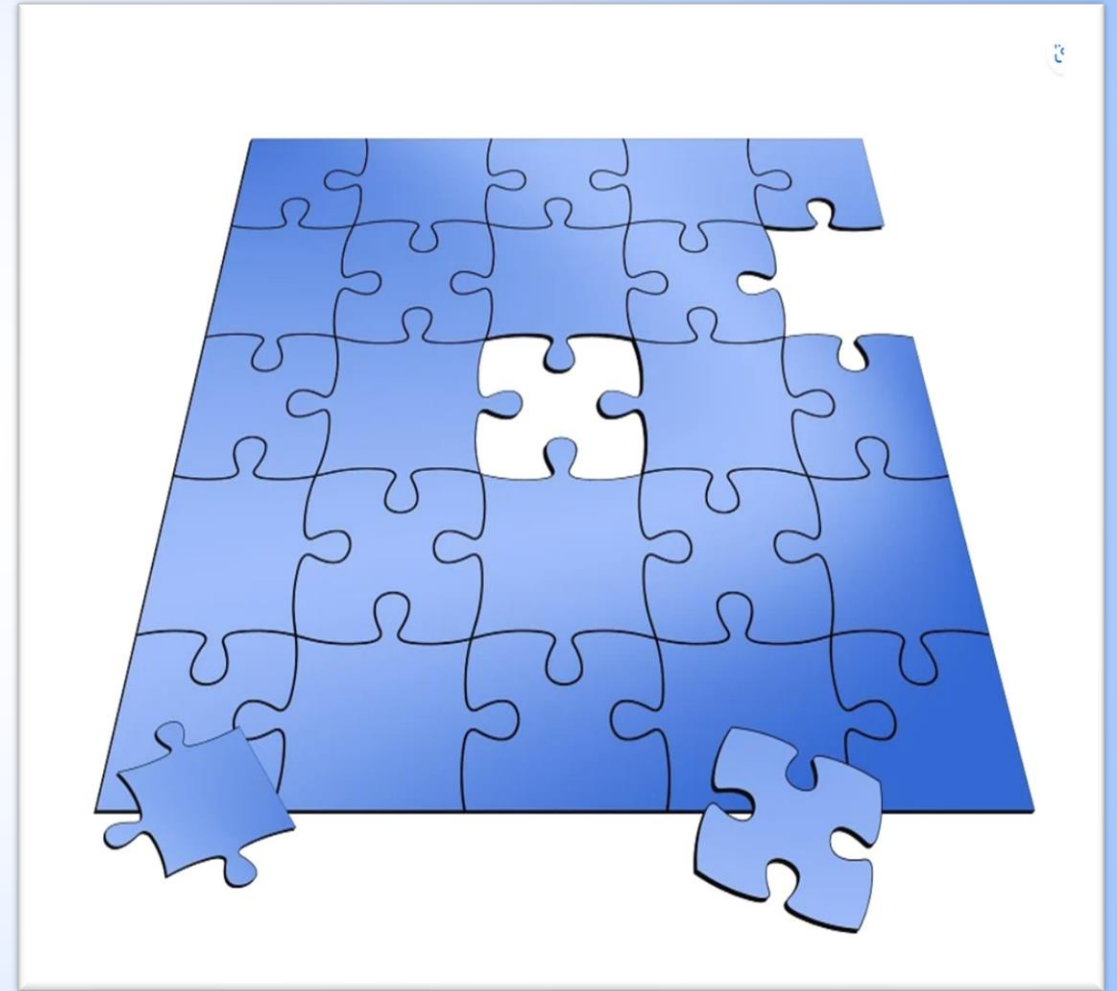


1. Pray for them
2. Show respect
3. Forgive
4. Be gracious
5. Don't retaliate
6. Focus on their well-being

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- Perfect
- Not blameless
- Whole, complete, mature

We reach the fullness of what we were created for, as we love and show mercy as the Father does.



My honest response



I can't do this

but by the Grace of God and
the Power of His Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit is my Helper,
Comforter, Teacher,
Intercessor, Giver of gifts,
Encourager