

The Sermon on the Mount

- I. The Citizens of the Kingdom (5:3-16)
 - A. Their Character (3-12)
 - B. Their Influence (14-16)
- II. The Righteousness of the Kingdom (5:17—7:12)
 - A. A Right Relationship to Scripture (5:17-48)

Holding Grudges, Getting Even (Pt. 1)

Matthew 5:38-42

- I. Reject the Popular Misunderstanding of “an Eye for an Eye” (38)
 - A. What the Old Testament Really Taught (38) — *just legal punishment*
 1. Ex. 21:22-25
 2. Lev. 24:17-22
 3. Dt. 19:15-21
 - B. What the Scribes & Pharisees Wrongly Taught (38) — *justifiable personal revenge*

Three Practical Implications of What the Old Testament Taught

1. We should be concerned not only with protecting our communities and punishing criminals but also that their punishment truly fits the crime.
 - a. God wants the guilty convicted and punished.
 - b. God wants the punishment to be just and fit the crime.
2. We should not only pursue human justice, but we should also expect God's justice at the judgment and therefore seek refuge in the gospel.
3. We must not only desire justice under the law, but we must also have a spirit of forgiveness toward those who sinned against us.