

Understanding the Context of The *lex talionis* (Ex. 21:24, Lev. 24:20, Deut. 19:21)

- The law of retaliation was intended as an equalizing of justice
- Present in the most ancient, written law code - Code of Hammurabi (ca. 1750)
- A judicial law meant for application in a court setting
- Intent was to discourage private revenge
- Jesus' objection regards application for personal retaliation

“Do Not Resist The One Who Is Evil”

Resist – means to take into your own hands

The idea communicated is to move from taking to giving

Overview of Jesus' Illustrations and Applications

5. The Insulter (back-handed slap, back-handed comments)
6. The Legal Oppressor (Use of law wrongfully)
7. The Military Oppressor (i.e. Simon of Cyrene, boss unrealistic demands)
8. The Unscrupulous Person (dishonest, unlikely to return what is asked for)

Observations From Jesus' Examples

- All everyday, personal offenses
- Retaliation is expected, but blessing is given
- Escalation is expected, but de-escalation is given
- Personal-preservation expected, but an others-focus given

Jesus As Our Example To Follow (1 Peter 2:20-25)

- Be the blessing of a peacemaker
- Bridge the offense to the gospel
- Trust God to bring revenge, retribution, retaliation, an judgment

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4. The _____ Person

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- _____ the offense to the _____
- _____ God to bring _____, _____, _____, and _____