

""Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'

(Matthew 5:33-37)



But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

(Matthew 5:33-37)



All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

(Matthew 5:33-37)





OATH OF OFFICE

"THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN" (EXODUS 20:7)

YES IS YES, NO IS NO



"JESUS IS LORD"



""You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person.

(Matthew 5:38-42)



If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

(Matthew 5:38-42)



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

(Matthew 5:38-42)



EYE FOR AND EYE?

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:33-42

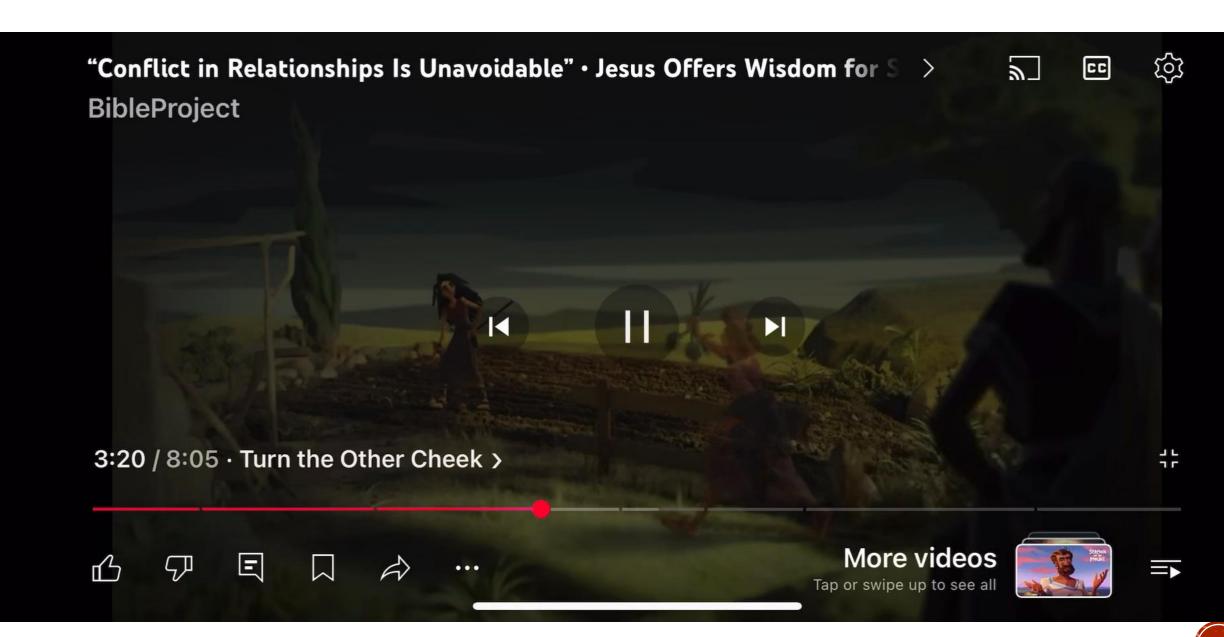


"IAW OF RETALIATION"

- Code of Hammurabi, a king who ruled in Babylon from 1728 to 1686 BC.
- Point is to <u>RESTRAIN</u> vindictiveness not encourage it.
- Judicial Administration The courts use this to produce justice
- But I tell you do not resist "Set yourself in opposition to"



"DO NOT REPAY ANYONE EVIL FOR EVIL BE CAREFUL TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF EVERYBODY.... DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD" (ROMANS 12:17, 21)





BOLD GENEROSITY CAN SUBVERT POWER GAMES



PLAY THE HEAVENLY GAME NOT THE WORLDLY GAME OF POWER AND DOMINANCE. RISE ABOVE, SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE.

Take the High Road



"BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

(ROMANS 5:8)

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