

**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**  
**THE BELIEVER AND THE LAW**  
**"BE A SECOND MILER - ITS YOUR RIGHT"**  
Matthew 5:38-42

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**INTRODUCTION** The passage before us this morning has more of the Christian ethic within it than most. Jesus begins by citing one of the oldest laws in the world...the law of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" - "Measure for Measure" - "Tit for Tat"...officially known as the *Lex Talionis* (Latin - Law of Retaliation). The principle that our LORD will enunciate is this: "**no retaliation in cases of Personal Wrong**". He will give four picturesque illustrations to drive home His point that the believer has no right to retaliation - no right to things - no right to his time and energy - and no right to his money. The tendency to insist upon our own rights lies deep in all our hearts and it is constantly seen in the natural human instinct for retaliation against any who violate "my rights". Our right and our privilege as believers is to do the will of Him Who loved us, bought us, and saved us by His Blood.

I. WHAT THE LAW SAID

*"IT HAS BEEN SAID..."*

A. EXODUS 23:23-25

B. LEVITICUS 24:19-21

C. DEUTERONOMY 19:21

D. NOT GIVEN TO FOSTER \_\_\_\_\_ - LEVITICUS 19:18

▶ LAW OF \_\_\_\_\_ - LEX TALIONIS

▶ \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LAW

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▶ THE LAW CALLED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ - ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS

II. WHAT THE LORD SAID

*"BUT I SAY TO YOU..."*

A. THE SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ ILLUSTRATION - v. 39

B. THE SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ ILLUSTRATION - v. 40

C. THE SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ ILLUSTRATION - v. 41

D. THE GENEROUS \_\_\_\_\_ ILLUSTRATION - v. 42

CONCLUSION: