

Series: Sermon on the Mount  
Message – “Self-Sacrifice or Revenge”

March 18, 2018  
Matthew 5:38-42

The Big Idea: There’s a choice to be made daily; take matters into your own hands or trust yourself to the hand of God. His way or your way.

I. A sermon like no other

A. A “WATERED” down Word

B. This is KINGDOM living. A true righteousness is INTERNAL

C. What an IMPACT the church can have as we live out the PRINCIPLES in this sermon

II. Jesus on rights and retaliation

A. A law MISUNDERSTOOD

1. Three Old Testament passages:

- Exodus 21:22-29
- Leviticus 24:19-20
- Deuteronomy 19:15-21

2. Three observations:

- The law of LEX TALIONIS was fair, just and effective
- The application of the law was not necessarily LITERAL
- The law was designed for public, CIVIL justice

B. A principle CLARIFIED

1. It does NOT mean...

2. It DOES mean...

C. The principle ILLUSTRATED

1. What to do when personally INSULTED

2. What to do when personally DEFRAUDED

3. What to do when personally IMPOSED on

4. What to do when asked for HELP

D. The purpose REALIZED

1. Romans 12:17-21

2. 1 Peter 2:19-23

III. What we take away...

The call of discipleship is to die daily to self. Nothing is harder, nothing is more counter-intuitive, nothing is more like Jesus.