

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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- **An Eye for An Eye (Matt. 5:38-42):**
 - **Tradition: Vengeance is mine saith me.**
 - **V.38** quotes the law the Pharisees would cite. (Cf. **Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21**).
 - **What God said. Lev. 19:17-18; 24:20**
 - **I say unto you. Matt. 5:39-42**



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- **Love Your Neighbor (Matt. 5:43-45):**
 - **Tradition: Love only those who love you.**
 - **V.43 quotes Lev. 19:18.**
 - **Second part is found nowhere in the law.**
 - **God's standard: love your enemies (Matt. 5:44)**
 - **Vengeance has no place in our lives.**
Lk. 6:27-31; Rom. 12:14, 17-21
 - **This is a love of the will. 1 John 4:19**



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- **Sons and Daughters of The Father (Matt. 5:45-48):**
 - **We love because God loves. Matt. 5:45**
 - **We love our enemies because God loved us while we were His enemies.**
Rom. 5:6-8; Lk. 23:34
 - **We are called to a higher standard. Matt. 5:46-47**
 - **We are to be like our Father. Matt. 5:48; Lev. 19:2**



