

The Sermon on the Mount:  
Eye for an Eye/Love Your Enemies

Lesson Eight  
February 21, 2010

Observation: Please read **Matthew 5:38-48**

Introduction: In this next segment of teachings in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, our Savior instructs us in the ways of righteousness for when we are faced with persecution or injustice. Rejecting retaliation, Jesus implores us to "go the extra mile" with our adversaries.

Questions for Consideration:

- Why is it so hard to extend an olive branch to the Judas' (those who persecute or betray us) in our lives?
- In what ways does it bless us, our enemies, and accordingly GOD when we respond in love, and not react with anger or revenge?
- What is Jesus trying to get from us, and ultimately what is He trying to get to us when He commands us to "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect"?

Personal Exploration:

- Explore how a sense of entitlement for personal justice may hinder your walk with GOD.

Inspiration:

In your personal time, please journal the times when your showing love in response to mistreatment has led to growth and maturity in your life.