

**WHEN PERSECUTION COMES**  
**Matthew 5:38-48**  
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Old Testament law requires justice but limits retaliation. 38

Jesus expanded upon the law saying. Do not answer aggression with aggression.

Examples - 39-42

Jesus teaches that the real intent of the law is to

love as God loves. 43-44

according to God's example - 45-48

1. Justice is good.
2. Motives are important.
3. Legal action may be required for restitution and prevention of further offense.
4. Mercy is an act of Grace.
5. Forgiveness is always right.