

Notes for Matthew 5:38-42

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Lex Talionis is a Latin term that refers to the law of retribution, in which a penalty is meted out per the nature and severity of the offense. "Lex" refers to a set of rules or regulations. Talionis translates as "of such a nature." This concept is from God's Law in the Old testament in...

Exodus 21:23-25 - *But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.*

Leviticus 24:17-19 - *Whoever takes a human life shall surely be put to death. 18 Whoever takes an animal's life shall make it good, life for life. 19 If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him,*

Deuteronomy 19:21 - *Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot*

The Hatfield-McCoy feud was a violent conflict between two Appalachian families along the Kentucky-West Virginia border. Lasting nearly 30 years, from about 1863-1891, it was fueled mostly by personal revenge.

Numbers 35:6-34 , Deuteronomy 19:1-14 and Joshua 20:1-9 all speak of Cities of Refuge.

Joshua 9:14 - *So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord.*

"Eye for eye" = proportional justice in court to help limit excessive punishment.

Cities of refuge = due process protection in manslaughter or homicide situations to limit blood revenge before trial.

Romans 12:19 - *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*

1 Peter 2:23 - *"When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."*

Proverbs 24:11 - *Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.*

James 4:15 - *Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."*

Proverbs 3:5 - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding*

1 Timothy 5:8 - *But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

2 Samuel 16:6-7 - *And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man!"*

Exodus 22:26 - *If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down*

John 19:23-24 - *When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic.[a] But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,*

Psalm 22:18 - *they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*

1 Corinthians 6:7 - *To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?*

Genesis 13:8 - *Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen.*

Matthew 27:32 - *As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.*

Proverbs 19:17 - *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord."*

Matthew 25:42-45 - *For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'*

James 2:15-16 - *If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?*

