

## **OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD** (Matthew 5:38-42)

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we will study: **Overcome Evil With Good** - In this message, Jesus is teaching that Christians are to respond to evilness with kindness and love, rather than with retaliation – not returning evil for evil.

- **“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men”**  
(Rom 12:17).

In this message, we will study three points related to our subject – **“Overcome Evil With Good:”**

- I. **THE TEACHING OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES ON RETALIATION** (v. 38)
  - A. **“Ye have heard that it hath been said...”** (Exod 21:24-25; Lev 24:20; Deut 19:21;
  - B. **The Scribes and Pharisees took the law out of context.**
  - C. **Based on this law, the principle of punishment consisted of two basic purposes –**  
(Deut 19:20; Gen 4:23-24)
  
- II. **THE TEACHING OF JESUS ON RESISTING RETALIATION** (vv. 39-41)
  - A. **Jesus said, “But I say unto you ...”** (v. 39a)
  - B. **Christ is not saying – “Resist not Evil” ever** (v. 39b; Matt 21:12-13; Gal 1:6-10)
  - C. **Christ is Saying – “Resist Not Evil”** (Rom 12:17; 1 Thess 5:15; 1 Pet 3:9)
  - D. **The Danger of Revenge/Retaliation**
  - E. **Christ shared four illustrations that teach Christians how to treat those who have mistreated them** (1 Cor 13:7; Eph 4:2; Matt 5:25; Gal 6:2; Acts 20:35).
  
- III. **CHRISTIAN STANDARDS FOR INTERPERSONAL ACTIONS**
  - A. **Value others above yourself.**
  - B. **Treat others, including your enemies with love, respect and kindness.**
  - C. **God above and beyond what is requested of you.**
  - D. **Loving God and others is more important than personal rights and property.**
  - E. **Do not retaliate or seek revenge.**

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. **The Right Ambition** (Col 3:17)
- B. **“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you”** (Eph 4:32).
- C. **Always trust in the Lord – You can trust Him in whatever adversity or calamity that you may experience –** (1 Pet 2:23).
- D. **We can trust God with the results as He is good –** (Rom 12:19)
- E. **Romans Road** (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever”** (Isa 40:8).