

- I. The Lord gave the law for our good Luke 3:1-6; Mark 1:1-4;
Ex 21:23-25; Lev 24:17-20;
Deut 19:21; Gal 3:19a;
Prov 16:25; 29:18a;
Hosea 4:6a
- A. He gave the eye / tooth law to
stop some things and establish
others Gen 4:23; 27:41;
I Sam 25:4-13;
Rom 6:23
- B. Some twisted God's good gift I Tim 1:8; Num 35:31;
Prov 29:4; Isa 9:7; 32:1;
Lev 19:18; Prov 24:29;
Prov 25:21
- II. The righteous don't need laws to keep
from sin
- A. The law wasn't made for the
righteous I Tim 1:9ff; Ps 123:1-2;
Hosea 14:9
- B. Jesus makes us righteous Matt 5:3-8, 17;
Rom 3:20-24; 8:1-4
- III. The righteous live a long
way from the fences
- A. When one thing is taken,
they joyfully give a second I Pet 2:23-24;
Ex 22:26-27;
Prov 26:4-5
- B. When a need arises, they give
joyfully II Cor 9:7;
Deut 15:7-11;
Prov 19:17

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2. Where did Jesus, and those who were saying it, get the concept of “eye for eye and tooth for tooth”?
3. How was the original law of “eye for eye and tooth for tooth” a good gift from the Lord? What things was it intended to stop? (Can you give illustrations of those sinful tendencies from your own experience?)
4. How had those who were using “eye for eye and tooth for tooth” twisted it to be what the Lord never intended? For whom was the enforcement of such a law intended?
5. Why don't the righteous need the law?
6. According to the gospel, how can we, unrighteous people be made righteous, both in our standing before God and in our actual practices?
7. How are the first three illustrations Jesus uses similar (see Matthew 5:38-42)? What “right” does each illustrate (a “right” in each case that the righteous choose not to cling to)?
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