

"Christ's Interpretation of the Law: The Law of **Retaliation**

Matthew 5:38-42

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Genesis 4:23-24 "And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. <sup>24</sup> If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold."

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