

THE KING SPEAKS

a Study in the Sermon On The Mount | Daily Devotion
Week 7 – October 22-26
Beyond Getting Even | Matthew 5:38-48

Day 1

Read: Matthew 5:38-42, Exodus 21:24, Lev. 24:20

While the establishment of justice as an eye for an eye was anchored in Jewish law, those hearing Jesus must be caught up short by this new way to live. Jesus ushered in a kingdom. Do you feel more comfortable with the law or grace?

Day 2

Read: Matthew 18:15-18, Proverbs 27:5-6, Eph. 4:25-26

God tells us many times to rebuke others. To not do so is to give people only grace and no truth. It enables people to remain immature. God is very serious about his people growing up in him. Does God want you to allow others to do whatever they want to? How does accountability and revenge differ?

Day 3

Read: Genesis 45

Early in the history of Israel Joseph had opportunity to return evil for evil. Joseph acted with astounding grace. Joseph forgave his brothers for seeking to take his life, selling him as a slave, and for years of injury. What was his secret for forgiveness?

Day 4

Read: Luke 23, Romans 4:25

The King spoke, lived his life in perfect obedience to the father, then he carried our sins and shame through ridicule, betrayal and suffering to the cross, in order to declare us once for all freed from the power of the law to claim its debt. Note verse 45; is there an application in your life today?

Day 5

Read: Matthew 5:43-48

God's gifts of common grace, gifts of sunshine and rain, his providential care for everyone regardless of their faith in him, is an example to us of how God asks us to imitate him. As you go through the day, every time you experience a good thing about this life, acknowledge that God has (without condition) given it and thank him. How have you practiced unconditional grace towards others you cross paths with?