

You've Heard It Said I

(Matthew 5:21–26)

You've heard it said,
"Thou shalt not kill"
Put somebody in the ground
and judgment will come down

But I say to you:
If you're angry with your brother
with no cause for your grudge
you'll know you're in error
when you stand before the judge
If you call your brother
the worst name you can say
you might end up in a courtroom
with a judge who makes you pay
Well, if you call your sister
a dirty little name
don't you think the Father
will send you to the flames?

When they take up the collection
and you have a recollection
your brother's got a reason he should shun you
leave your gift before the altar
go make peace with your brother
Then come back and make your donation

Agree with your adversary
or she might send you to the functionary
who'll send you to the judiciary
to take you to the penitentiary

I say to you:
You won't be told you're free to go
until you pay the debt you owe
You won't walk free one day again
until you pay the very last cent