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(Matthew 5:38–48)

They say, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth
I'm here to impart a different truth:
Evil you must not resist
If somebody plants his fist
against your right cheek offer him the other
If somebody drags you into court
and sues you for your coat
Offer her your cloak
The both together
If somebody forces you
to walk a mile, then give him two
Give to those who ask of you
and don't refuse to lend

You've heard it said to love your neighbor like a friend
but hate your enemy
Well, listen to me:
Love your adversaries
and for those who'd persecute you you must pray
to be fit children of the One who rules the heavenly way
To good and evil people both He makes the sun give light
and makes the raindrops fall on those who do both wrong and right

If you love those who love you
should you receive an extra portion?
The same's the rule even for the masters of extortion
If you only salute your brothers
how then are you better than those others?
You must be perfect
as your Father in heaven is perfect