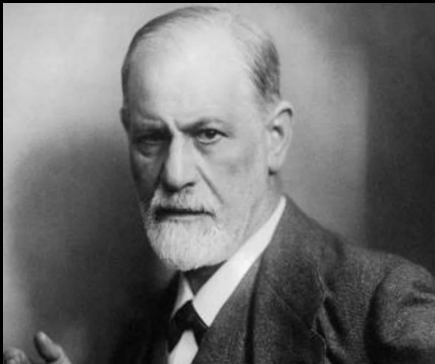


Laws of Nature and Nature's God
Self Defense Sunday

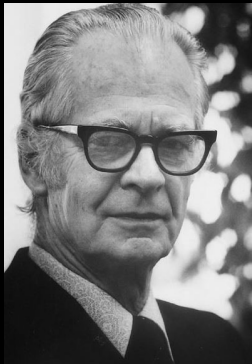


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Psychobabble



Sigmund Freud

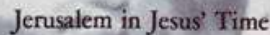


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20 These are the things which
defile a man; but to eat with
unwashed hands defileth not
a man.

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- Probable location of city walls of Jesus' day
- - - Wall alignment uncertain
- Present-day walls of the Old City of Jerusalem
- Major roads and other routes

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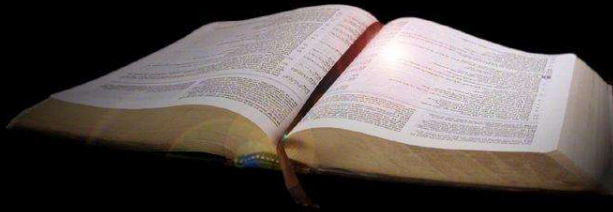
Luke 22:35-38

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and **he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.**

37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, **here are two swords.** And he said unto them, It is enough.



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2006 speech by Sen. Barak Obama:

“Jesus' Sermon on the Mount was so "radical" the Defense Department wouldn't survive its application.”



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“Turn the other Cheek?”

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Matt 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to *fulfil*.

1. Fulfill the Prophecies for identity
2. Fulfill our obligation
3. Make clear, to show it forth its true meaning.

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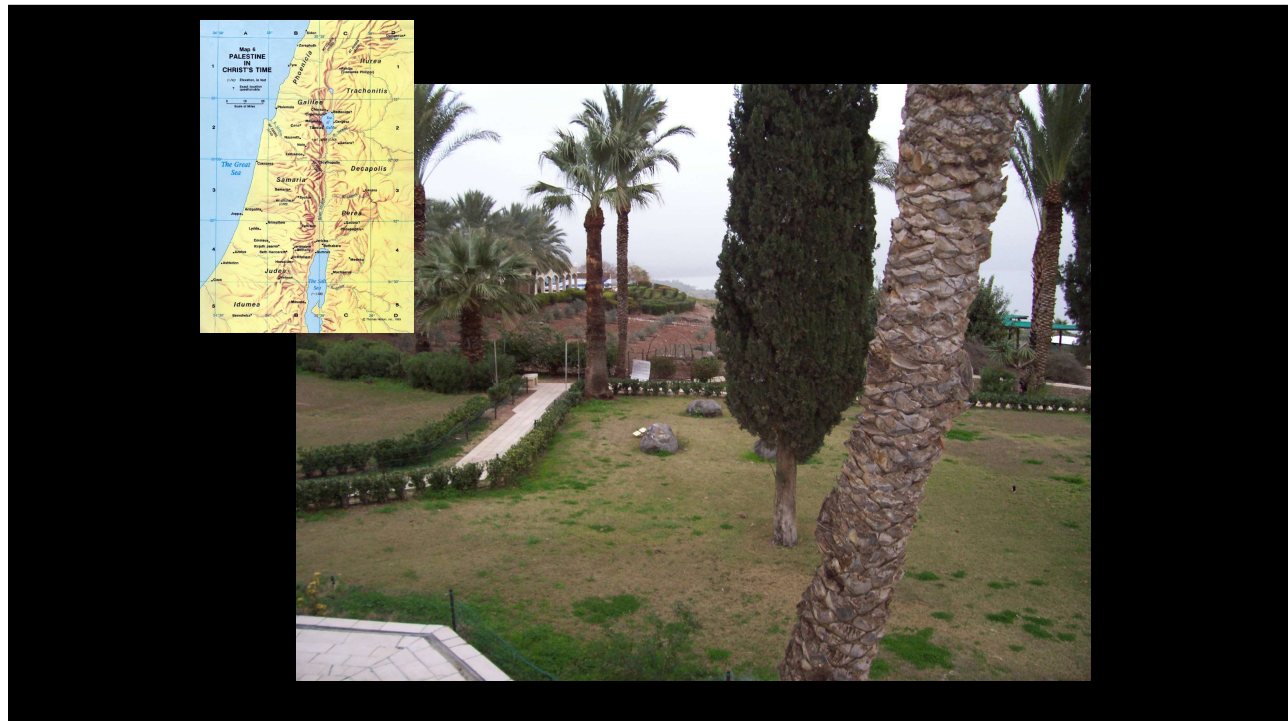
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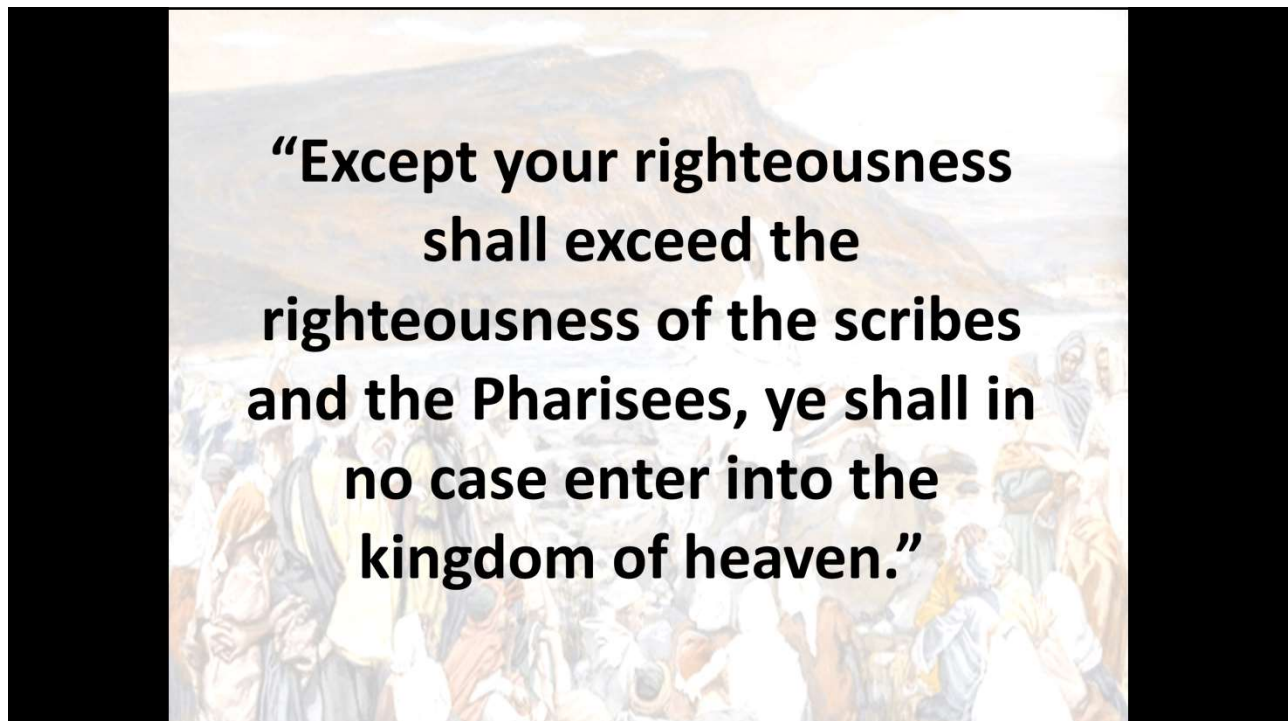
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Part one: The Beatitudes

Jesus defines the Character of the True Kingdom Citizen.

Part Two: Jesus corrects well known errors of Pharisaical teaching

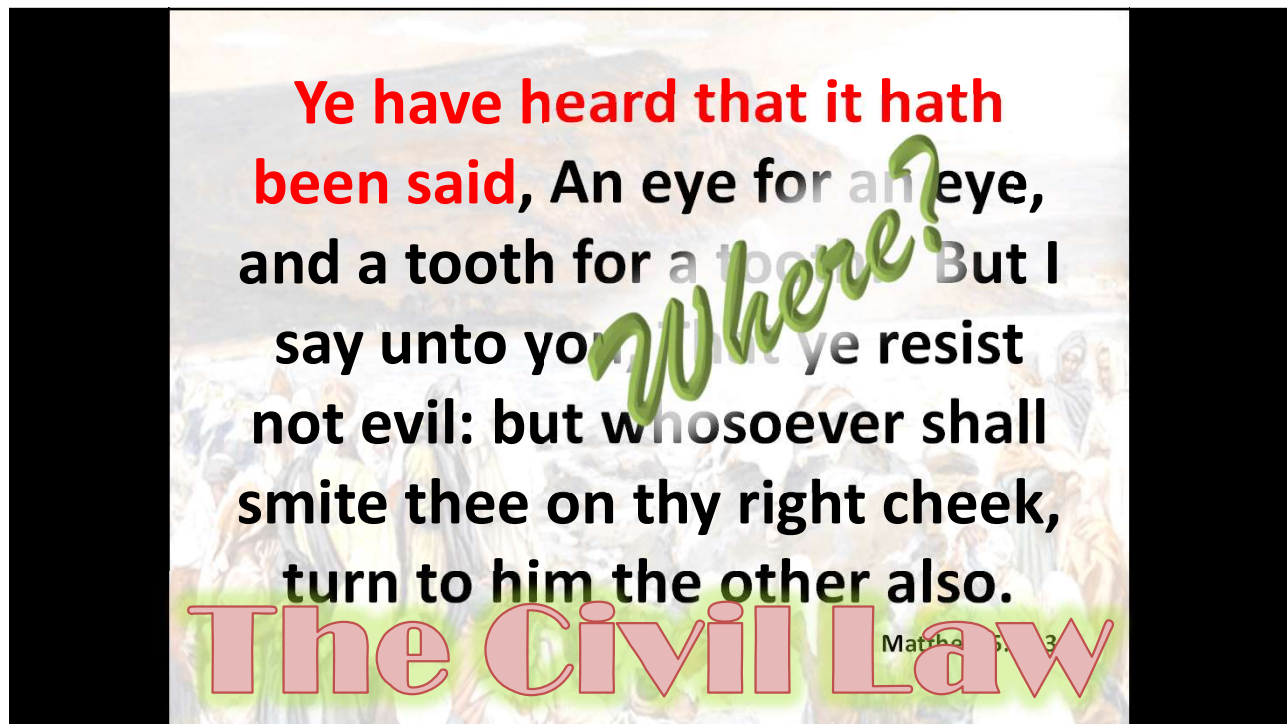
1. Murder is wrong, but hatred unchecked leads to greater judgment.
2. Adultery is a sin, but lust is also the sin that leads to adultery.
3. Divorce is not a command, but allowed in certain instances.
Jesus defines and clarifies a mistaken tradition taught by Rabbi Hillel that the husband could divorce his wife for anything that displeased a husband.
4. Oath making – Rabbinical teaching had rightly said, “Don’t swear falsely, by the name of God. (Lev. 19) However, the Pharisees and taken the liberty to swear by other names and lie. Jesus said let your yea be yea and nay, nay – let your word be good.
5. **Personal Justice or self-Government:**
 - Turn the cheek
 - Pay your debts
 - Go the extra mile
 - Personal Charity

17

**Ye have heard that it hath
been said, An eye for an eye,
and a tooth for a tooth: But I
say unto you, That ye resist
not evil: but whosoever shall
smite thee on thy right cheek,
turn to him the other also.**

Matthew 5:38-39

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Ex 21:22-25

If men strive, and hurt a woman with child,
 so that her fruit depart from her, and yet
 no mischief follow: he shall be surely
 punished, according as the woman's
 husband will lay upon him; and **he shall
 pay as the judges determine.** And if any
 mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for
 life, **Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for
 hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning,
 wound for wound, stripe for stripe.**

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Deut 19:17-21

Then **both the men**, between whom the controversy is, **shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges**, which shall be in those days; And **the judges shall make diligent inquisition**: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity; but **life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.**

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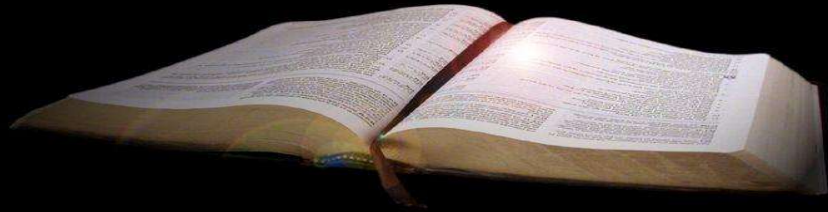
Deut 17:6

**At the mouth of two
witnesses, or three
witnesses...**

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Two reasons for these directives:

1. To insure that the civil government did its job to protect the innocent, ensure peace, punish evil and deter crime:
 - Deut. 19:19-20 – *“so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.”*
2. To exact justice, but not to exceed it. No cruel or unusual punishment. The purpose of punishment is justice, not revenge. The punishment was to fit the crime committed.



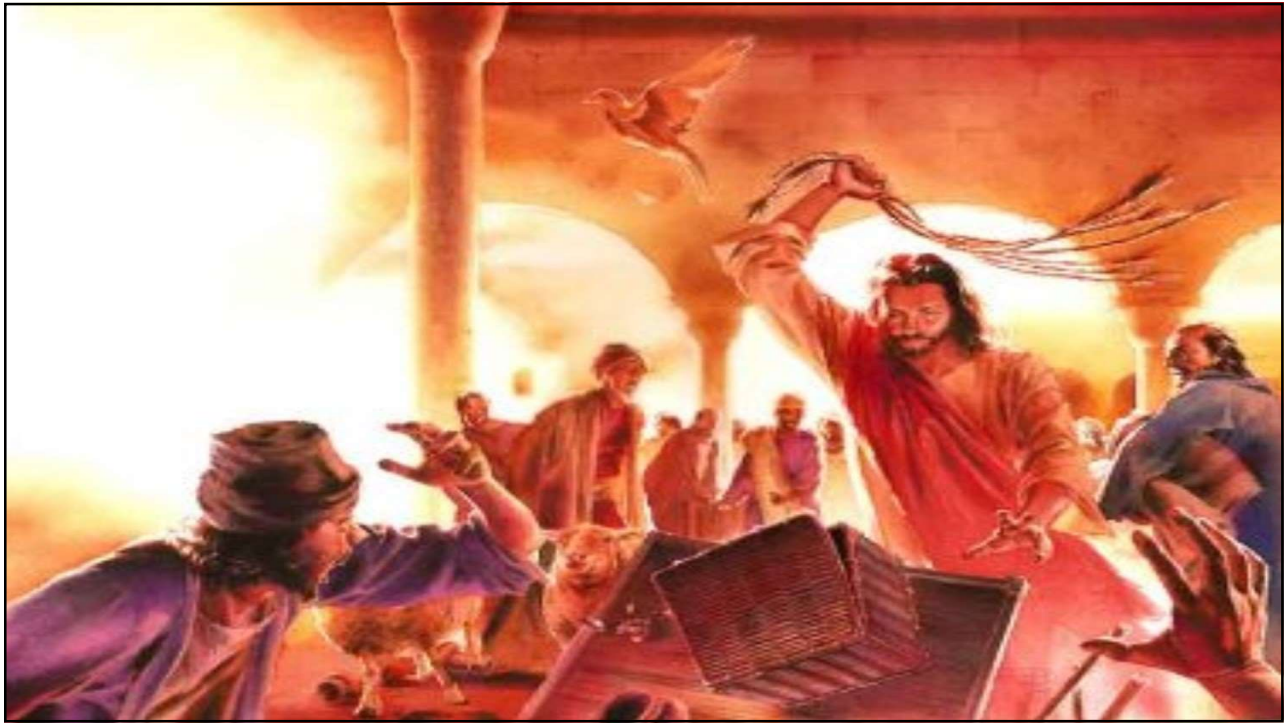
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The Pharisees, however, taken this and twisted it into a mandate for personal revenge over personal insults.

That was not the purpose. We are not commanded to get even when a brother wrongs us, we can forgive through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are not commanded to repay criticism for criticism or insult for insult. We can answer wrath with a soft answer. That is part of Christian self-government. We can turn the other cheek.

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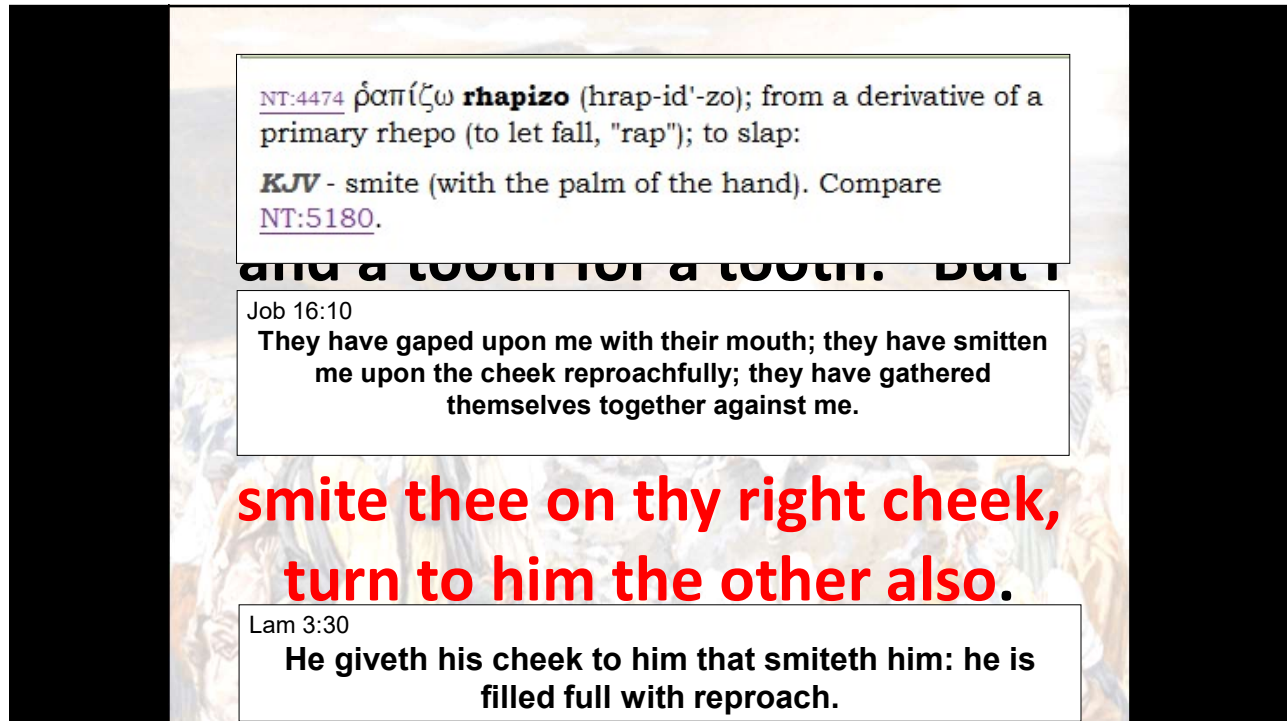


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turn to him the other also.**

Matthew 5:38-39

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NT:4474 ῥαπίζω **rhapizo** (hrap-id'-zo); from a derivative of a primary rhepo (to let fall, "rap"); to slap:

KJV - smite (with the palm of the hand). Compare NT:5180.

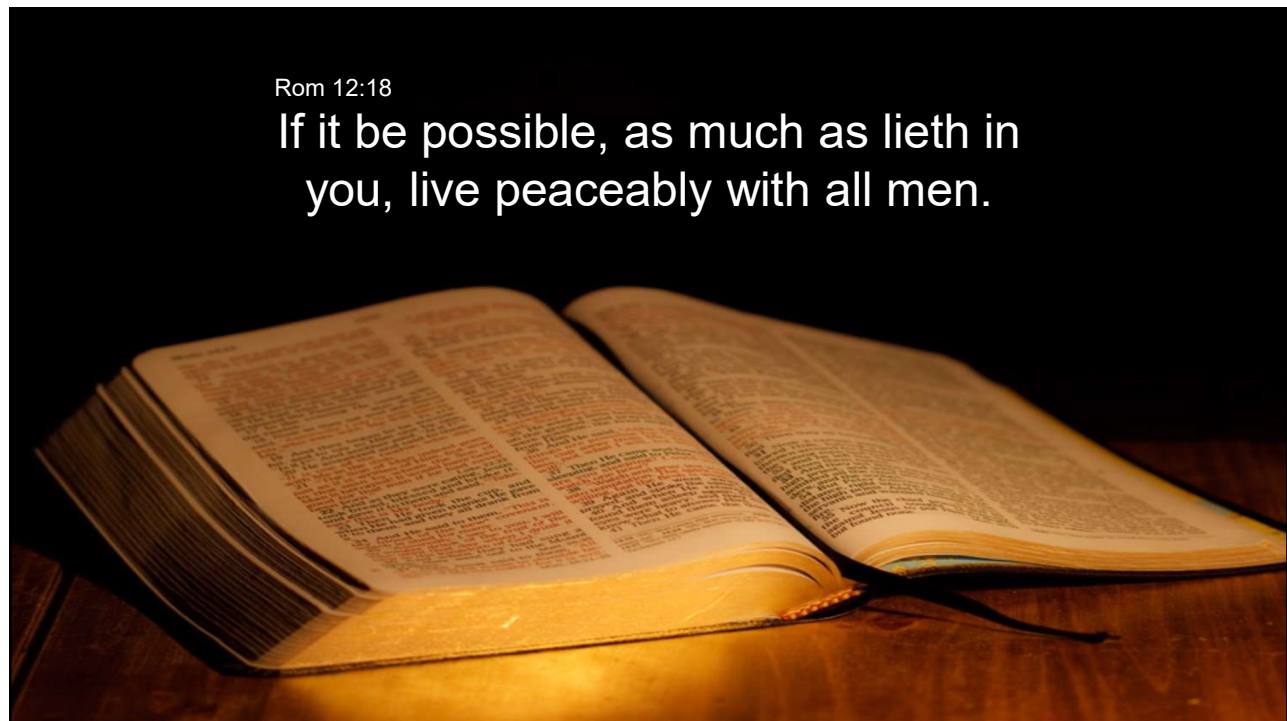
and a tooth for a tooth. But I

Job 16:10
They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Lam 3:30
He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

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Ecclesiastes 3:8

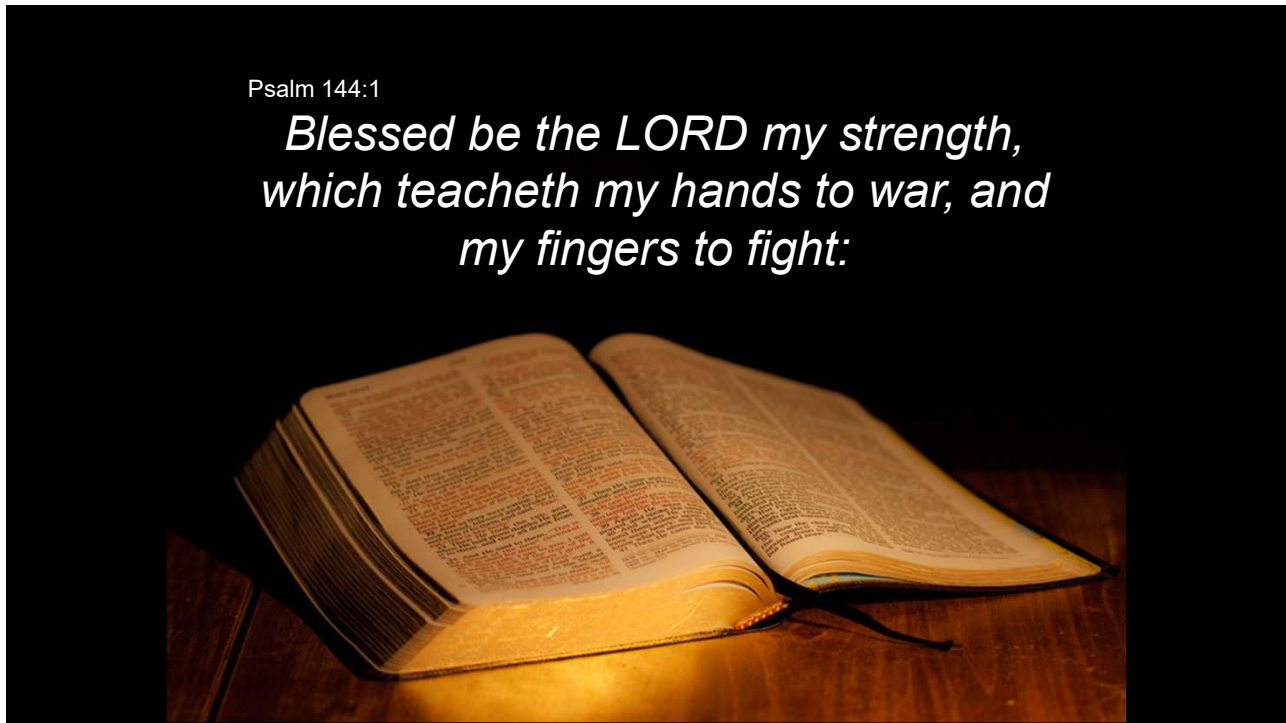
*A time to love, and a time to hate; a
time of war, and a time of peace.*



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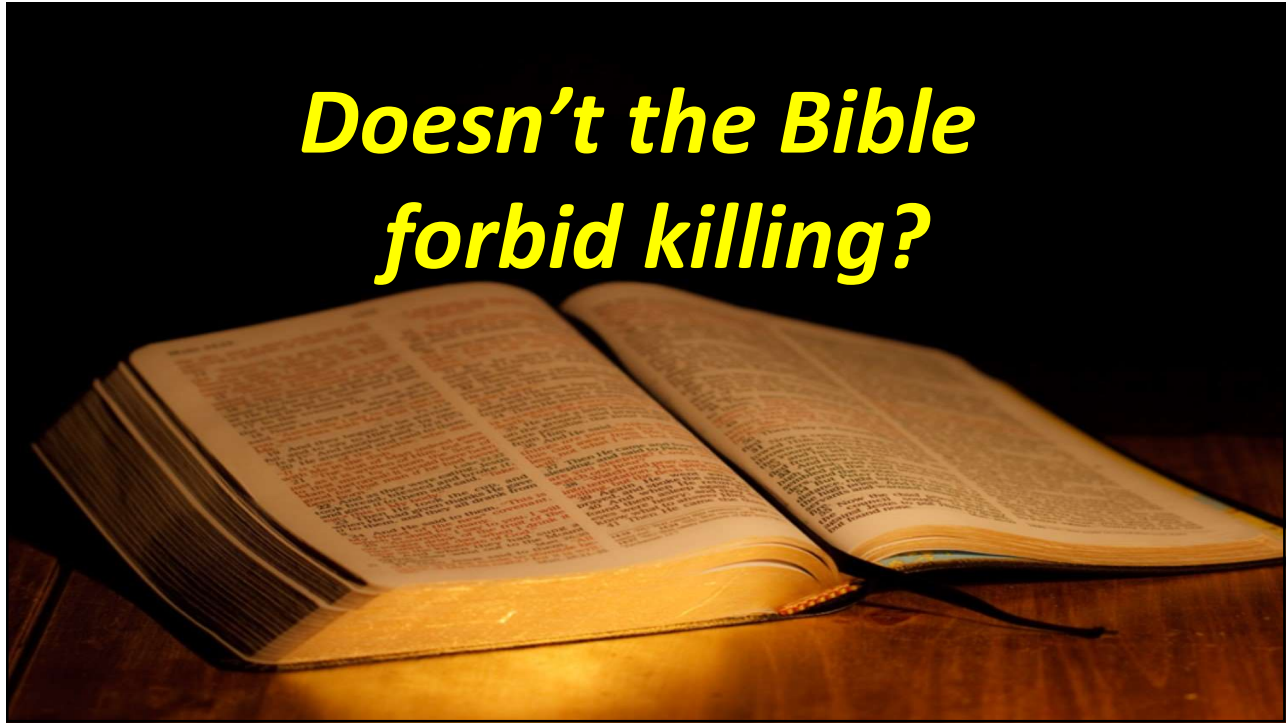
Psalms 144:1

*Blessed be the LORD my strength,
which teacheth my hands to war, and
my fingers to fight:*



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Doesn't the Bible forbid killing?



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What the Bible says about "Killing"...

- **Trees -**

- **Gen 6:14** *Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.*
- **Ex 26:15-16** *And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up. Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.*
- **2 Chron 2:8-9** *Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great.*



Killing Trees... "OK"

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What the Bible says about "Killing"...

• Animals –

- Gen 9:2-3 *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*
- Gen 3:21 *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*
- Luke 24:42-43 *And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.*



Killing Animals... "OK"

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What the Bible says about "Killing"...

• Capital Punishment -

- Gen 9:6 *Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*
- Deut 19:11-12 *But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities: Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.*
- Deut. 19:19-20 *– so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.*
- Rom 13:3-4 *For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*



Capital Punishment... "OK"

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What the Bible says about “Killing”...

• Warfare –

- **Eccl 3:8** *A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*
- **Deut 7:1-4** *When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, ... And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them...*
- **Deut 9:4** *...but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.*
- **Zech 12:9** *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*
- **Zech 14:3** *Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*



Warfare? If necessary

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What the Bible says about “Killing”...

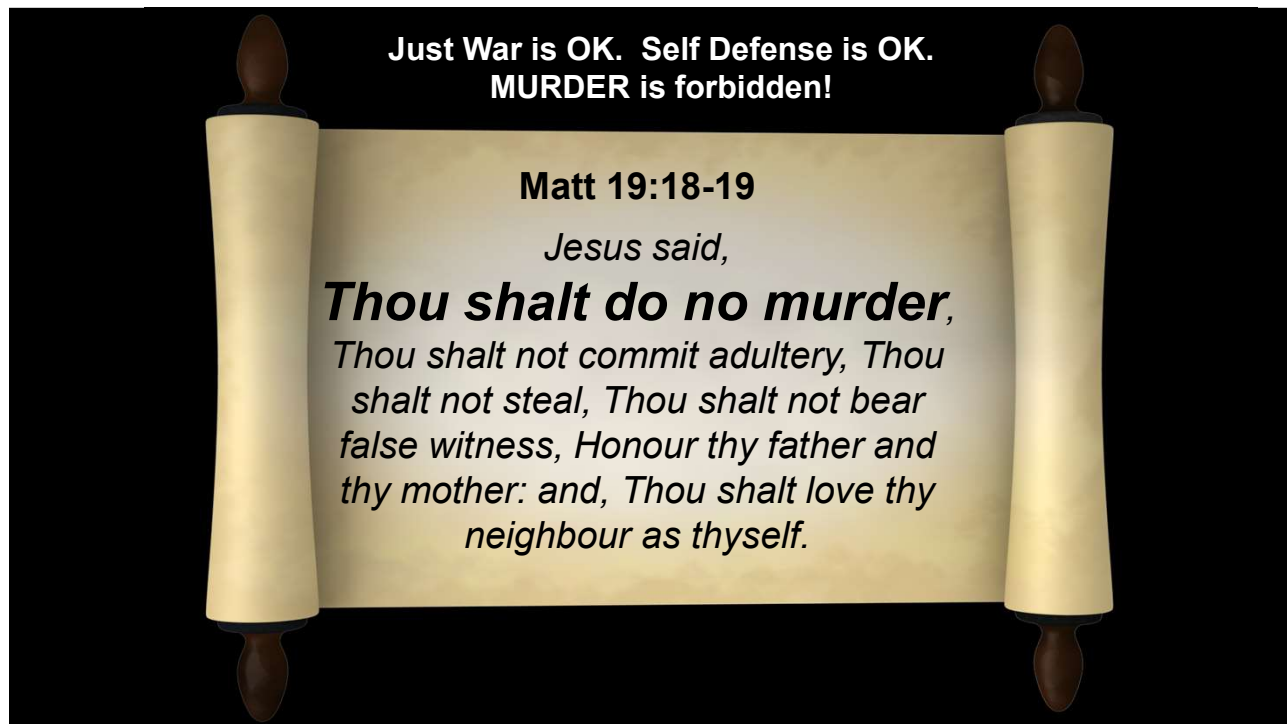
• Abortion -

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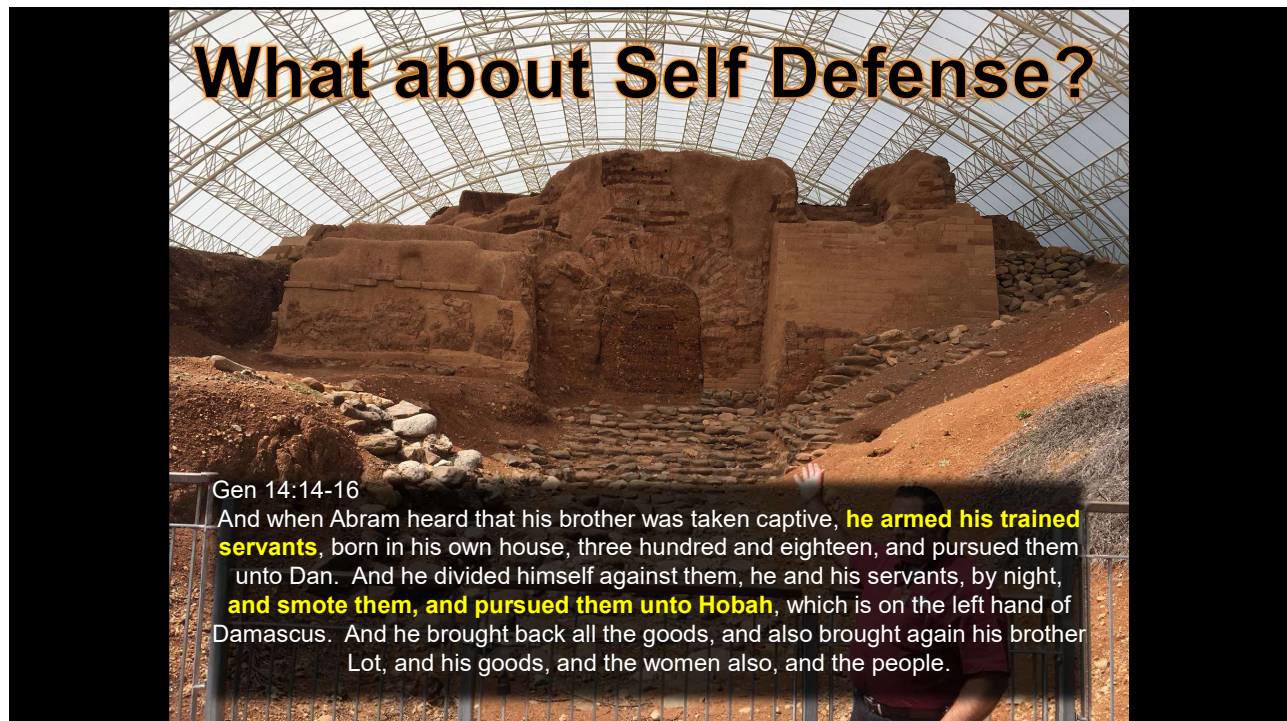


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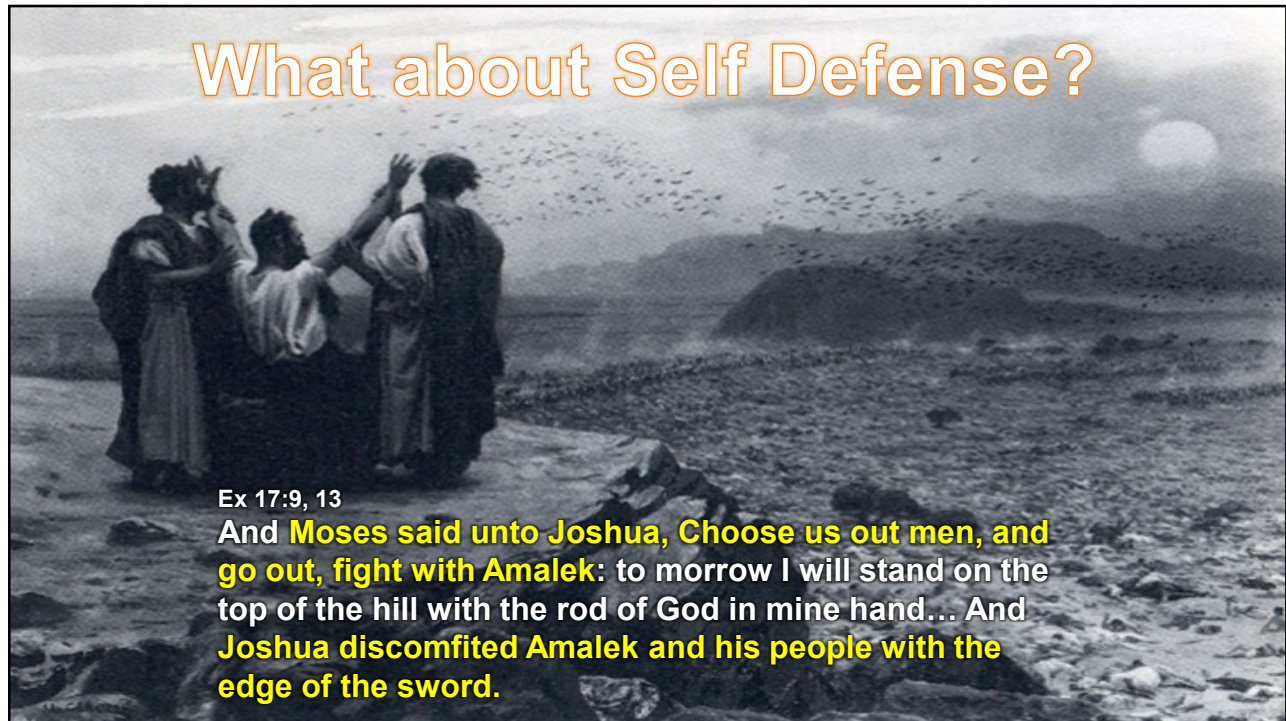
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What about Self Defense?

Est 8:11-9:5

Wherein the king granted the Jews **which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,**

...in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)

...Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

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What about Self Defense?

Neh 4:13-14, 16

Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even **set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.** And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, **Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses...** And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

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Difference between Self Defense and Vengeance

Ex 22:2-3

*If a thief be found breaking up,
and be smitten that he die, there
shall no blood be shed for him.
If the sun be risen upon him,
there shall be blood shed for
him; for he should make full
restitution; if he have nothing,
then he shall be sold for his theft.*

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1 Tim 5:8

*But if any provide not for his own,
and specially for those of his own
house, he hath denied the faith,
and is worse than an infidel.*



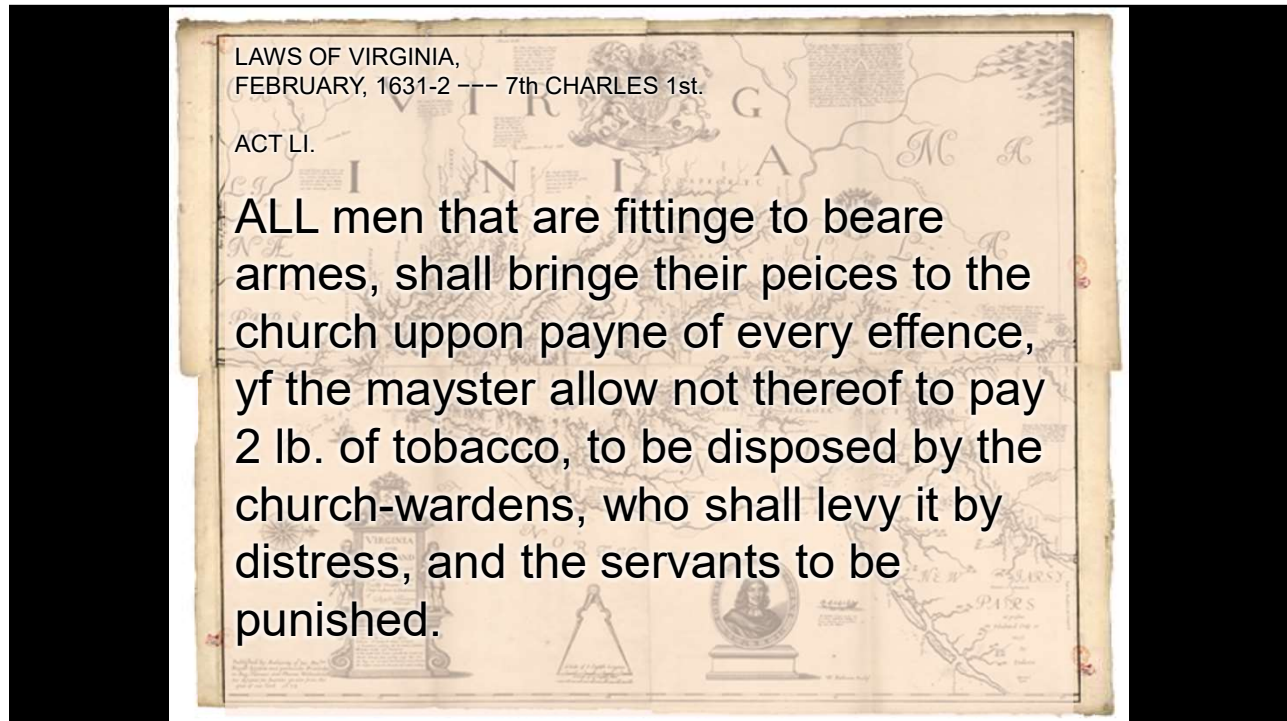
Webster's 1828 Dictionary - "Provision"

1. The act of providing or making previous preparation.
2. Things provided; preparation; measures taken beforehand, either for security, defense of attack, or for the supply of wants. We make provision to defend ourselves...
3. Stores provided; stock; as provision of victuals; provision of materials. we make provision for war...

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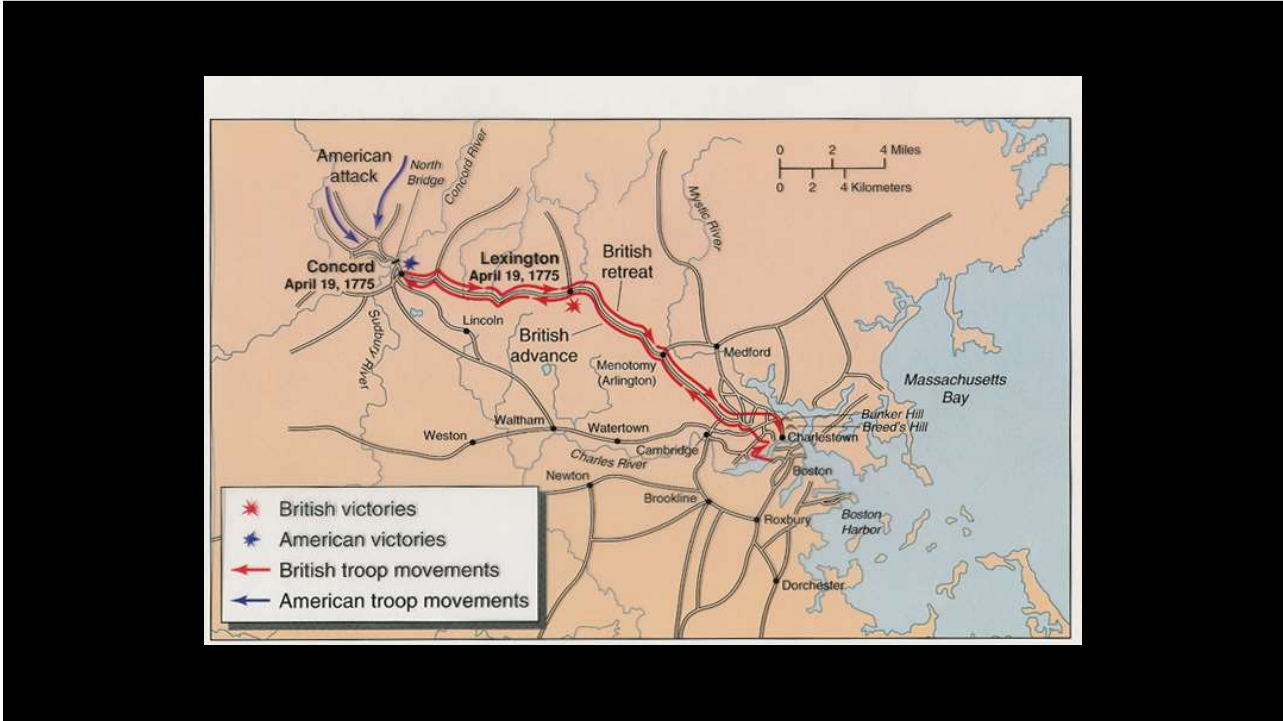
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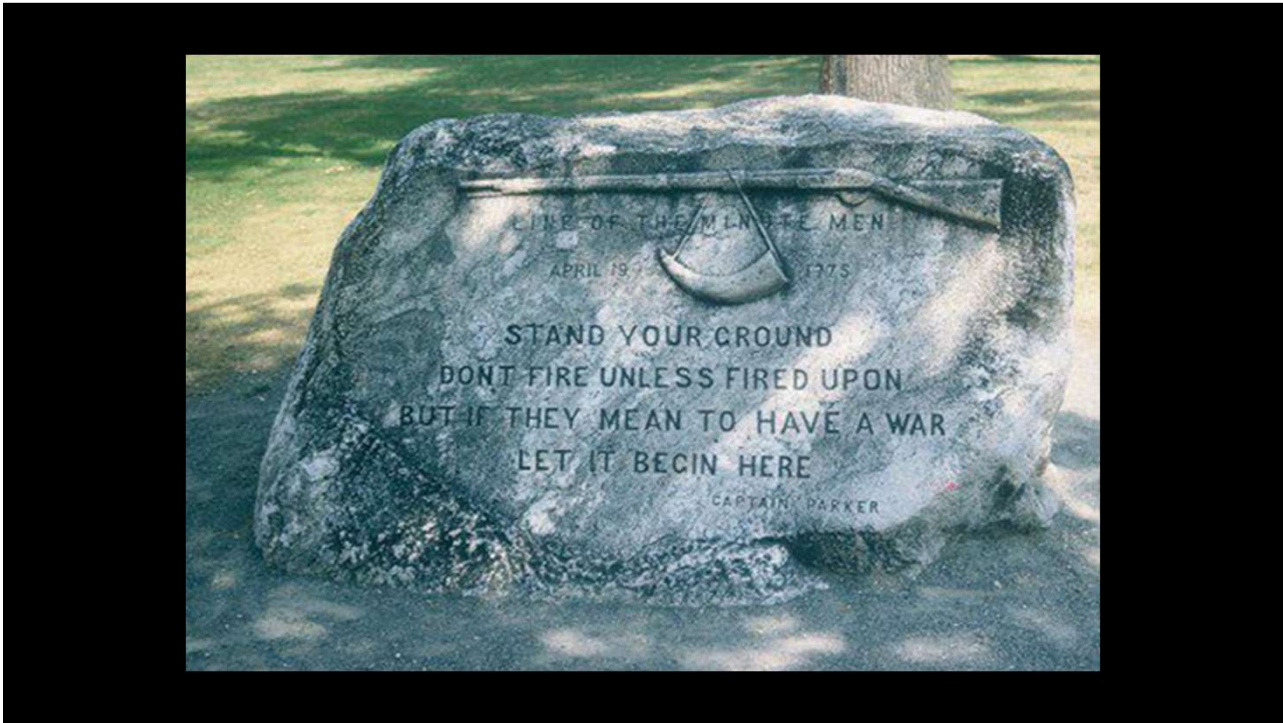
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What would Jesus do? What DID Jesus do?

- He was gracious and patient and merciful, but He was also stern and just.
- He didn't compromise the message to attract crowds (John 6)
- He was dogmatic in stating that in Him only was Truth and there was no other way to heaven except through Jesus.
- He was adamant about forgiveness and repentance which naturally accompanied it. (John 8)
- His offer of salvation was open to all who would come to Him (Matthew 11)
- But His message was judgment for those who would not (Matthew 23)

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Pacifist ? Or Lord of Hosts?



John 2:15-16

And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.



Luke 19:45-46

And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

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