

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Standing on the Promises of God - -

Psalms 145:8-9 The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. 9 The LORD is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.

The Kingdom Standards of Righteousness - -

1st Kingdom standard regarding Murder (vv. 21-26)

2nd Kingdom standard regarding Adultery (vv. 27-30)

3rd Kingdom standard regarding Divorce (vv. 31-32)

4th Kingdom standard regarding Vows (vv. 33-37)

5th Kingdom standard regarding Vengeance/Retaliation (vv. 38-42)

6th Kingdom standard regarding Love (vv. 43-47)

Matthew 5:38-42

38 “You have heard that it was said [Mosaic Law - Exodus 21:24], ‘An EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’

- What did the Pharisees teach?
- What did our Savior do?

39 “**But I say to you**, do not resist [oppose] an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek [literal slapping in the ancient world was a public insult or reproach], **turn the other to him also** [endure it with patience and dignity].

40 “If anyone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak also [don’t retaliate].

41 “Whoever forces you to go one mile [forced service], go with him two.

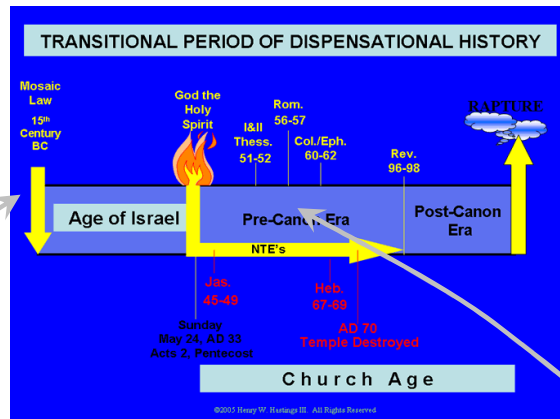
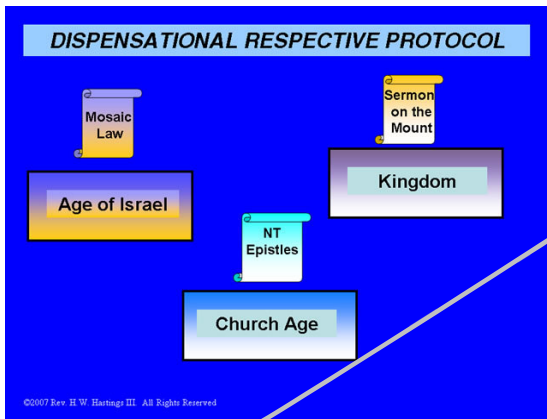
- ✓ Going *two* was a reflection of your character.

42 “Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

In the ancient world a soldier could conscript a citizen to carry his gear for a mile – but no more than that.

POD - The kingdom subject is not to retaliate but patiently endure insult and wrongdoing following the example of Jesus Christ.

A problem may arise in your understanding of the Sermon in light of the dispensation we are in at the present.



At the beginning of each dispensation there is a deposit of revelation. For the **Age of Israel**, much of that deposit was discussed in Leviticus and dealt with the *sacrificial offering system* which pointed to the work that Jesus Christ would do on the cross.

Another deposit of revelation occurred at Pentecost, dealing with the Holy Spirit, which led to the **New Testament Epistles** written under the principle of *verbal plenary inspiration*.

The **Gospels** were about the life and times of Jesus Christ in the Age of Israel. Jesus Christ was born under the Law and He fulfilled the Law in its entirety as a believer.

- ▶ The protocol for the Age of Israel came from the **Mosaic Law**.
- ▶ What is Christ doing in the Sermon on the Mount?
- ▶ Our protocol for today, as believer priests, comes from the **New Testament Epistles**.
 - ✓ Are their shades of application for the Church Age from the Sermon on the Mount?
 - ✓ Are there shades of application under the Law applicable to the Church Age believer?

POD – Rule of Application - - If a shade of application is stated in the New Testament Epistles then the shade of application applies to the Christian living today.

Are there passages in the **New Testament Epistles** that establish the protocol for *giving*?

- **2 Corinthians 9:7** - a key passage - *giving as we purpose in our heart*. . .
- So, as the Sermon on the Mount mentions, if someone asks you for money and you have *purposed in your heart* to be able to give that, the principle will apply.
- **This does not mean that you must give to everyone that asks you!!**

The greatest application of the Sermon on the Mount will occur during the Kingdom when the environment of life will be far different than what we have today!

So, how does *“turn the other cheek”* apply to you living today?

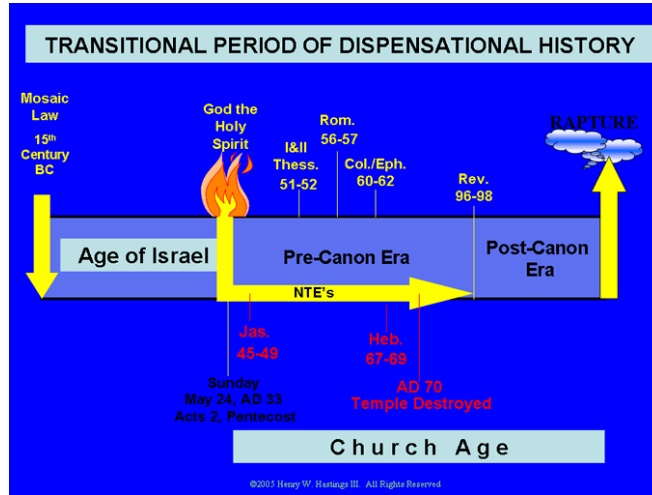
- Does this mean that the Lord does not want you to defend yourself?
 - ✓ **Luke 22:35-36 cf. Matthew 10:5-13**

Luke 22:35-36 And He said to them, "When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing." ³⁶ And He said to them, "**But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.**"

Matthew 10:5-13 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; ⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep

of the house of Israel. ⁷ "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. ⁹ "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, ¹⁰ or a bag for your journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support. ¹¹ "And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city. ¹² "As you enter the house, give it your greeting. ¹³ "If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace."

POD - The believer must determine when it is the Lord's will to use the sword (or defend himself).



The focus of the Church Age believer should be the Resurrection of the Church!

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