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Topic: **Sermon on the Mount (Part 4): The Christian and his Rights**

Scripture Text: Matthew 5: 38-48

1. There are only 2 voices that will lead a believer to follow - one is the voice of God and the other the voice of the world which is controlled by Satan. They will vie for our heart's attention. A true believer will listen and follow the voice of God.
2. In verse 38 which speaks of an eye for an eye, the context is about public justice in a courtroom. We need such laws to regulate society to function orderly. It is not to be used for personal relationships.
3. From verses 38-42, the Bible tells us that for Christians, they do not have any more personal rights. Our pride in us must die. We must forget about defending our own name. We must not fight for materialism and earthly possessions for ourselves. We must be generous to give to help the needy.
4. From verses 43-47, the Christian must love everyone including our enemies. We cannot love only those who love us or those whom we think are lovely. We must even love our enemies and do good to them. However, we must have godly hatred against God's enemies. This is taught in Psalm 139:20-22.
5. In verse 48, the Bible tells us there is no imperfect obedience. We are willing to put away our personal rights and to love our enemies because Jesus did it for us. He gave up Heaven's glory for us and died for sinners who have turned away from Him. We must be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.