

# ISN'T REVENGE JUSTIFIED IN A WORLD GONE MAD?

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## 1. OLD TESTAMENT

### **A. Genesis 14:8-20**

1) ABRAHAM ENGAGED IN THE FIRST " \_\_\_\_\_ "

14 When Abram learned that Lot had been captured, he called together the men born into his household, 318 of them in all. He chased after Kedorlaomer's army until he caught up with them in Dan. 15 There he divided his men and attacked during the night from several directions. Kedorlaomer's army fled, but Abram chased them to Hobah, north of Damascus. 16 Abram and his allies recovered everything- the goods that had been taken, Abram's nephew Lot with his possessions, and all the women and other captives.

2) BECAUSE GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE MET HIM AND \_\_\_\_\_ HIM

17 As Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and his allies, ... 18 Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought him bread and wine. 19 Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth

3) ABRAHAM \_\_\_\_\_ 10% TO GOD

20 And blessed be God Most High, who has helped you conquer your enemies." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

### **B. The Sixth Commandment (Exodus 20:13)**

Do not \_\_\_\_\_ . – 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment

### **C. OT Overview**

## 2. NEW TESTAMENT

### **A. Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:38-42)**

38 "You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'If an eye is injured, injure the eye of the person who did it. If a tooth gets knocked out, knock out the tooth of the person who did it.' 39 But I say, don't resist an evil person! If you are slapped on the right cheek, turn the other, too. (Matthew 5:38-39)

### **B. Romans 13:1,4**

1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1,4)

### **C. NT Overview**

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. (Proverbs 3:27)

## 3. THREE MAJOR ATTITUDES TOWARD WAR

### **A. Christian Pacifism**

### **B. Biblical Non-resistance**

### **C. The Just War Theory**

1. Just \_\_\_\_\_

2. Just \_\_\_\_\_

3. Last Resort

4. Formal \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Objectives

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Means

7. Non-combatant \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. HISTORICAL SUPPORT FOR JUST WAR THEORY**

**A. Augustine**

**B. Thomas Aquinas**

**C. Reformers**

**American Revolutionary Heroes**

➔ The morality of a war is determined not by the act itself, but by why it is started and how it is fought.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. (Romans 5:1)