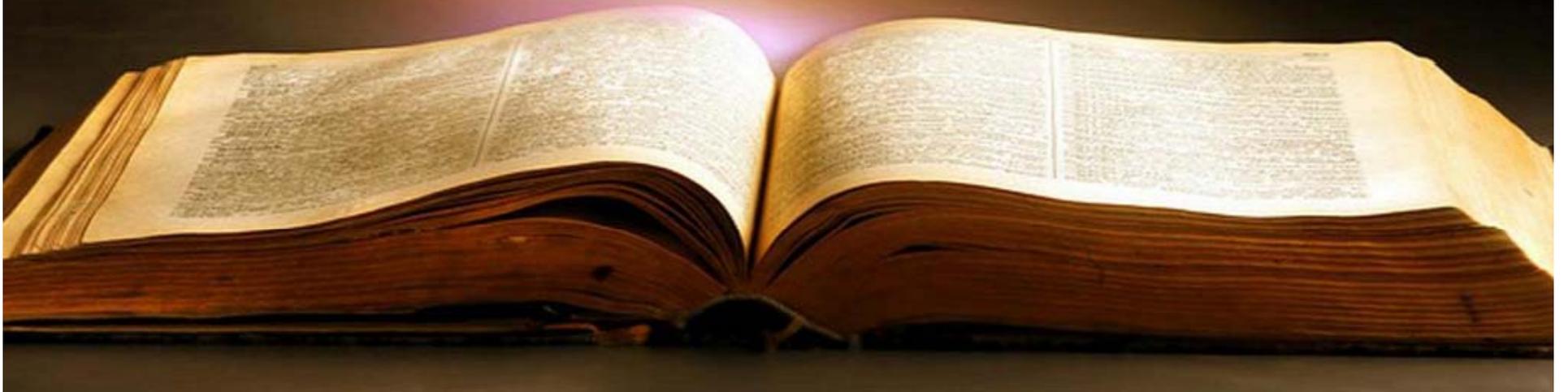


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# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



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# Oaths

## **Numbers 30:2**

**If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.**

# Lex Talionis

## Exodus 21:22–25

If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely...if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

# Law of Retaliation

## **Deuteronomy 19:18–21**

**And the judges shall make careful inquiry...so you shall put away the evil from among you...eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.**

# Self-Protection

**Exodus 22:2**

**If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed.**

# The Higher Road

**Romans 12:17–21**

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# Like Jesus

**1 Peter 2:23**

**Who [Jesus], when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;**

