

**Leviticus: Fairness**  
**Leviticus 24:17-22**  
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**Leviticus 24:17-22**

<sup>17</sup> “If a man kills anyone, he must be put to death.  
<sup>18</sup> Whoever kills an animal is to make restitution for it, life for life. <sup>19</sup> If any man inflicts a permanent injury on his neighbor, whatever he has done is to be done to him: <sup>20</sup> fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. Whatever injury he inflicted on the person, the same is to be inflicted on him. <sup>21</sup> Whoever kills an animal is to make restitution for it, but whoever kills a person is to be put to death. <sup>22</sup> You are to have the same law for the resident alien and the native, because I am the LORD your God.”

*Two things and one big question...*

**These fairness laws are meant to regulate retaliation.**

**Leviticus 24:20**

<sup>20</sup> “Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. Whatever injury he inflicted on the person, the same is to be inflicted on him.”

**These fairness laws are meant to encourage equality.**

*If something isn't fair for everybody, then it's really not fair for anybody.*

**Leviticus 24:22**

<sup>22</sup> “You are to have the same law for the resident alien and the native.”

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*The rules apply to thee, but not to me.*

**The Big Question: Is fairness really what we want?**

**Leviticus 24:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> Now the son of an Israelite mother and an Egyptian father was among the Israelites. A fight broke out in the camp between the Israelite woman's son and an Israelite man. <sup>11</sup> Her son cursed and blasphemed the Name.

**Leviticus 24:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> They brought him to Moses. <sup>12</sup> They put him in custody until the LORD's decision could be made clear to them.

**Leviticus 24:23**

<sup>23</sup> They brought the one who had cursed to the outside of the camp and stoned him.

**Matthew 5:21**

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, ‘Do not murder,’ and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.”

**Leviticus 24:17**

<sup>17</sup> “If a man kills anyone, he must be put to death.”

**Matthew 5:22**

<sup>22</sup> “But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to hellfire.”

**Matthew 5:29-30**

<sup>29</sup> “If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”

**Leviticus 24:20**

<sup>20</sup> “Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

**Matthew 5:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, don’t resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup> As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and don’t turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

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**Matthew 26:63-64**

<sup>63</sup> The high priest said to Him, “I charge You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Messiah,

the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup> “You have said it,” Jesus told him. “But I tell you, in the future you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

**Daniel 7:13**

<sup>13</sup> I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven.

**Matthew 26:65**

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed!”

**Matthew 26:66**

<sup>66</sup> “What is your decision?” They answered, “He deserves death!”

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