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But the scribes and the Pharisees evidently extended this principle of just retribution from the law of courts (where it belongs) to the realm of personal relationships (where it does not belong). They tried to use it to justify personal revenge, although the law explicitly forbade this.



John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*, 104.