



SERMON OUTLINE FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Throwing Away the Black Book of Revenge

Matthew 5:38-48

INTRODUCTION: A classic John Wayne movie –

The Quiet Man (the black revenge book)

I. THE ‘BLACK BOOK’ PHILOSOPHY: REVENGE & ‘PAYBACK’

- A. Note how Jesus addressed the common *hate your enemy* philosophy (Matthew 5:43 Leviticus 19:18)
- B. Ask yourself: *Whose name is in your ‘black book’?*

II. THE ‘GOOD BOOK’ PHILOSOPHY: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

- A. Jesus redefines the common terms of love (Matthew 5:44 & Luke 10:25-37)
- B. His parable of the Good Samaritan really made the point (Luke 10)
- C. A modern, biting “Samaritan” poem makes an important point . . .

III. JESUS’ LIFE OF LOVE IS BOTH OUR SALVATION & OUR EXAMPLE

- A. Oh – just see John 15:13 & John 10:11 & you’ll learn about real love!
- B. And – note what Jesus said as He was on the cross (Luke 23:34)
- C. And – note the great news from St. Paul in Romans 6:6-7!

CONCLUSION: The story that became a love song:

“Tie a Yellow Ribbon on the Old Oak Tree”

[The **black book** is thrown away.]